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## Campus security increases; students relieved

**Ty Johnson**  
News Editor

**Y**ou're better off safe than sorry," is an old adage senior biology major Megan McDaniel keeps in my mind as she goes about her daily routine.

"I try to remember that, but I admit I do become too comfortable at times," McDaniel said. "Sometimes you need a wake up call."

Last week, university police arrested a 16-year-old juvenile in connection with an alleged sexual assault in Varnado Hall. According to a NSU press release, he was charged with one count of sexual battery, one count of simple battery, one count of felony theft and two counts of unauthorized entry into an inhabited dwelling. The suspect is in custody at the Ware Youth Center in Coushatta, La.

University police detective Doug Prescott said student involvement contributed to the success of the investigation. Eyewitness accounts played a significant role.

"Everything came together and it came together quickly," Prescott said. "We were very fortunate. It doesn't always happen that way."

"The key was support from students and the university working together," Prescott added.

Since the incident, university police has increased patrols in Varnado Hall and throughout campus. The university also e-mailed a list of safety precautions to students with tips such as "Don't walk alone at night", "Lock your doors and windows even if you're inside" and "Don't prop doors open at any time."

Senior psychology major Angel Johnson is relieved to see university police taking immediate action.

"I appreciate what's being done," Johnson said. "It's reassuring to the students here that just want to get their education and enjoy their college experience. It's not only a relief to the students, but to their families and friends back home."

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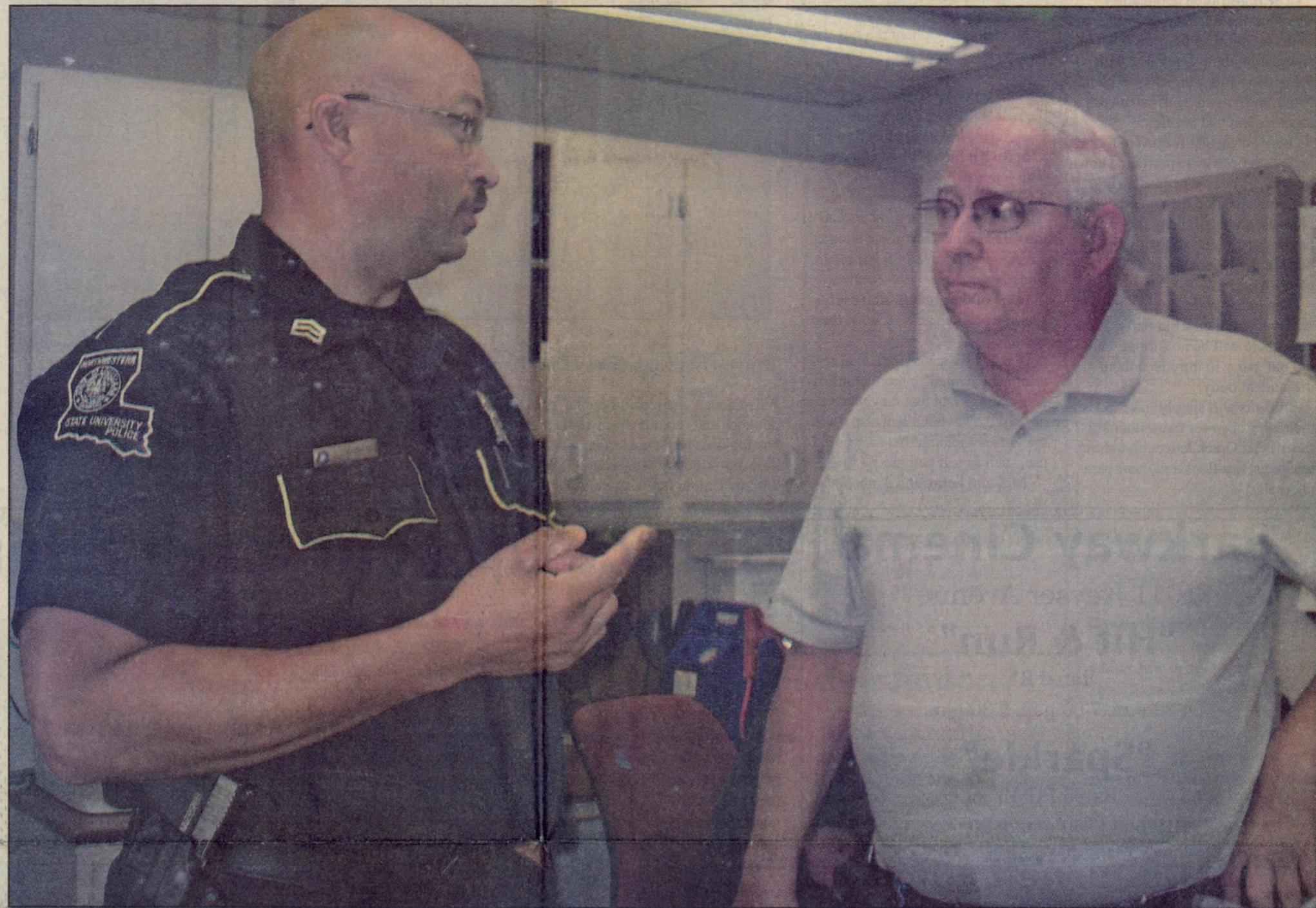


Photo by Ty Johnson

**Sergeant Leonard Sarpy touches base with Detective Doug Prescott on campus security. Campus police has 22 commissioned officers who rotate on two 12-hour shifts. There are vehicle, bike and golf cart patrols. Other officers patrol by foot.**

jor Olivia Martzell said wished the suspect had been caught sooner.

"Honestly, I was very scared," Martzell said. "Hearing someone got assaulted on the same campus as you is a lot to take in. I was worried, especially for girls like me. Anything can happen. Especially late at night

when you're by yourself. I was worried and concerned for the safety of girls on campus."

Martzell said she believes in the buddy system. She calls a friend to escort her to her car when it's dark.

"I don't walk late at night or go walking by myself," she said. "I like

to have people with me."

Martzell said although the suspect is in custody, she will continue to practice good safety habits from now on. She said no one can guarantee it won't happen again.

"I definitely feel a lot safer because he's not in the public," Martz-

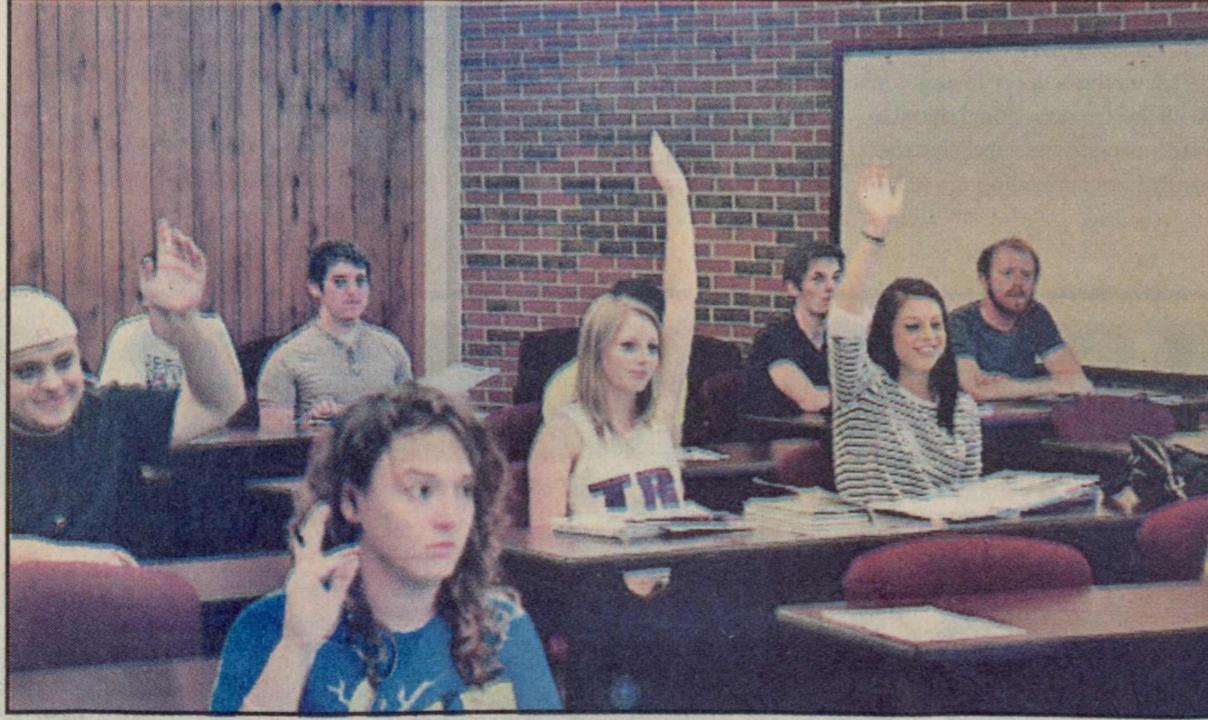
ell said. "I'm still worried because of the fact that it happened. I'm a little paranoid, but I do feel better about being safe now that he's caught."

Senior pre-med major Matthew Gore said students should not leave everything up to the cops. There are things students can do to keep them-

selves safe.

"I think RA's should call special meetings on how to prevent incidents like that from happening again," Gore said. "I feel like if it's something that's talked about, people will remember to stay on alert."

## NSU education program cited for excellence



Mason Lee, secondary education major; Olive Blanchet, elementary education major; and Emily Arledge, elementary education major, actively participates in their EPSY 3000 class.

Photo by Jimmie Walker

**Damian Glover**  
*Sauce Reporter*

The College of Education and Human Development received an exemplary rating from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The rating permits continued accreditation and indicates the program is producing qualified teachers that meet new standards.

Dr. Vickie Gentry, dean of College of Education and Human Development, is thrilled to have the process complete and thankful to all faculty, candidates and school partners who have supported NSU.

According to Gentry, NSU reached target levels in meeting all elements of Standard 3, Field Experiences and Clinical Practice. This seal of approval means

that NSU is highly effective in partnering with a variety of high and low performing PK – 12 schools. It also ensures that NSU teacher candidates are well prepared to work with diverse student populations.

"In Louisiana, public institutions cannot offer teacher education and other professional school personnel programs without obtaining accreditation," Gentry said. "While all public institutions in Louisiana are accredited, very few are recognized for meeting all NCATE standards with no areas for improvement cited."

Gentry said teacher candidates who graduate from NCATE-accredited schools will be better prepared for initial licensing and advanced board certification. NCATE is working with the Interstate New Teachers Assessment

and Support Consortium (INTASC), and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to ensure that teacher education accreditation standards model teacher licensing standards and advanced teacher certification standards are compatible.

"The NCATE report states that we had no deficiencies in meeting national standards," Gentry said. "We were complimented for the positive relationships between faculty and students, faculty-student personnel, and student-school personnel. In advanced or graduate programs, the fact that faculty mentor graduate students so they can implement research in their classrooms and impact student

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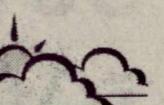
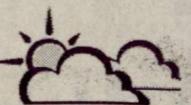
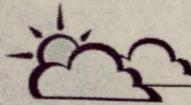
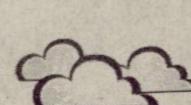
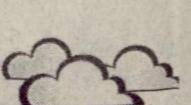
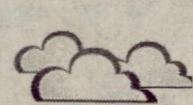
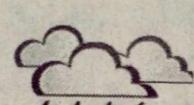
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# Sororities welcome new sisters

Contessa Wills

Staff Writer

**N**SU's Panhellenic Council began sorority recruitment last Friday through Sunday. Prospective members had until 5 p.m. to register for recruitment.

The registration application served as the first step in taking part in the recruitment process. After its completion the women met with the participating sororities to gain a better understanding of what each organization had to offer.

In the days that followed, the ladies' choices were narrowed down by one each day. The leaders of each organization then created their bid lists, and on Sunday the chosen participants received their membership invitations into one of the sororities.

The ladies will celebrate their achievement with a bid party. However, there will be no formal 'coming out' party to introduce them to the student body.

Students will simply have to keep their eyes open for those donning the official Greek letters on t-shirts, tote bags, flip-flops and other paraphernalia.

Of the four recognized sororities of the Panhellenic Council, only two—Phi Mu and Sigma Sigma Sigma—participated in sorority recruitment.

The remaining two sororities—Alpha Omicron Pi and Alpha Sigma Alpha—decided not to participate in the formal recruitment process choosing instead to host open recruitment throughout the fall semester.

Bailey McLain, treasurer of Alpha Sigma Alpha, stated that the reason for them doing the open recruitment instead was to be able to make a more personal connection with interested women.

"We wanted to have more one-on-one time with the girls instead of the fifteen minutes you are allowed during formal sorority recruitment," McLain said.

One of the organization's advisors, Stephanie Leray, echoed these sentiments.

Leray also stated that open recruitment created "a more comfortable setting" and that they wanted to be "able to have fun and also teach the girls something that they could use, such as self defense."

McLain, Leray and Amber



Submitted Photo

Phi Mu Fraternity members Emily Frame, Brittany Jeanice and Emily Pacheco pose after bid day 2012.

Wilson, vice president of public relations and recruitment, will be hosting their recruitment festivities Monday through Wednesday in the Student Union. Interested individu-

als should attend one of the various events that they will host.

The university takes the academic success of its Greek members seriously and has a scholarship

head for each chapter. A proud fact of academic excellence concerning the Panhellenic Council is that the all-sorority average is considerably higher than the all-women's

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### "The Bourne Legacy"

Rated PG-13

4:30 p.m. 7:10 p.m. 9:40 p.m.

## Spruce up your empty dorm room

**M**ove-in day transformed thousands of empty dorm rooms to new habitats for NSU students.

After endless unpacking, many residents ponder how they can make their environments more than just a place to sleep for the next 16 weeks.

How can someone decorate their dorm room to make it their home?

Students must first realize that their dorm room's utility should be the top priority over its aesthetic appeal (which, of course, is also of great importance).

Your dorm should also be designed to help you navigate through academic and campus life.

A billboard or wall calendar will serve to organize a hectic schedule. Decorate your billboard so that looking at upcoming tasks is not a teeth-grinding experience.

Also, there are wall calendars that match everyone's personality or a specific interest. I have wall calendars of both cute guys and adorable puppies, and the New York Fire Department.

As a result, seeing how many days are left until the weekend has

become a much less painful process.

The first order of business when it comes to decorating is to determine the theme of your room.

It should be something that dominates your life such as a favorite color or something that's a big part of your life.

For example, I've seen several dorm rooms of students in Greek organizations decorated with the colors and symbols of their sorority or fraternity.

The style and grandeur exhibited by your living room should also be taken into consideration.

I of all people understand that this may be financially excessive, but when in doubt there is almost always a cheaper way to create a room's fabulous nature.

For example, Taylor Orgeron, a senior and Alpha Omicron Pi (AOI) member, bought adorable pink and blue leopard print twin-sized sheets to use as couch covers.

Her living room also features TV trays to eat from rather than tables.

She uses the window cords to tie up the blinds thereby showcasing window fashion and sunlight simultaneously.

My favorite décor in Orgeron's room are the pom-pom balls she made using tissue paper that she hangs from her ceiling.



Photo by Jacob Labutka

Taylor Orgeron decorates her living room with pink accessories.

Orgeron noted that tutorials to construct these pom-pom balls can be found on YouTube.

Decorating your living room is also a great bonding project for you and your roommate. Who needs to be introduced and make friends the old-fashioned way when you can choose what color streamers glide across your living room (if you're into that kind of thing)?

The décor of dorm rooms is what also applies to your life experiences. Most people do not drift through life with blank stares and empty hearts.

Also, one (hopefully), does not eat the blandest foods available.

The beauty of life consists of the

spicy moments, and one of those recurring spicy moments should be returning to your dorm.

Are those claims melodramatic? Yes. However, you cannot deny the truth that your dorm room is a part of your collegiate experience.

A time will come, maybe 60 or 70 years from now, when you're looking through scrapbooks from a time before you started receiving Social Security benefits (one can only hope).

Would you rather see a million photos of an empty abode or ones of an innovative and colorful retreat that helped you survive the daily demands of your college life?

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"I don't know anything about Purple Alert as this is my first year here. I'm a transfer from a different school. I wouldn't mind learning more about it."

Tanisha Palmer  
pharmacy tech, freshman

"Yes, I am signed up for it. I think that it performs what it's used for. I was glad that they acknowledged everything that's happened in the past week, but I would like to see more of the crimes that occur. It's good for the weather, but it could be better with the crimes."

Brandi Vincent  
liberal arts, junior

"It doesn't really tell how to sign up for it. I find from past experience that it's really useful, but it could be better with alerts being quicker."

Brad O'Quinn  
general studies, junior

"I am signed up for it. I feel it is good for students. I think people off campus need it. I am a RA, and we have to be able to tell our residents about things. I wish we would have been able to know about things earlier and the same with the weather. At least have alerts an hour earlier."

Amanda Bayne  
biology, junior

## Facebook and politics are like oil and water

We have all seen political "memes" or pictures with clever and sometimes entertaining phrases filling up our Facebook news feeds. They come from all along the political spectrum, and normally spark a spirited debate among friends of different parties.



Katie Acosta  
Guest columnist

While some are just harmless fun, these types of political posts can pose a threat to being an informed voter. One thing I have noticed about these posts is that they either come from the far right or the far left.

Radical thinking from any party is counter-productive to being an efficient government because a good leader needs to be in a middle ground in order to bring people to compromise and get things accomplished. It is really easy to fall far along in the political spectrum during this election season because many people feel very strongly about many of the issues at stake—higher education cuts, same-sex marriage, unemployment—to name a few.

A lot of these Facebook posts are people's emotional response to

an event with little to no facts to back it up, causing people to either strongly agree or get very offended and upset. These posts are not solving anything because the people who agree with you are only going to agree more, and the people who do not agree will not change their view because all these posts are doing is blindly pointing fingers at the opposing party.

Also, keep in mind that anyone can say whatever they want on the Internet. How do you know that these posts are even true? Somebody could have edited or interpreted a statement in a different way than it was intended to get their point across.

Do not blindly believe everything you see on the Internet. One of the most important elections in American history is coming in November, and we know that the stakes are higher than ever and crucially important for the status of our country.

Instead of sharing these radical emotional posts, try reading government publications and watching the news to make intelligent decisions for yourself and registering to vote in November for the issues that are important to you.

The best and smartest way to get your voice heard is to make an informed vote, not sharing a silly picture on Facebook.

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## Shakespeare's inspiration: fraud or fiction?

After doing some research on A one of the greatest writers to ever grace this earth, I have come to one conclusion: Shakespeare is a fraud. This may come as a brash accusation from a meager freshman such as myself, however there are certain things about Shakespeare that do not sit well with me.

Don't get me wrong—I have always been a fan of Shakespeare. That is, until last year in my British literature class. We were about to start Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, so my teacher thought it would be a good idea to brush up on the historical events and interests of the era.

I decided to research Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. If one doesn't know what



Camille Mosley  
Freshman

the Gunpowder Plot is, it was composed of a group of people who wanted to get rid of the monarchy and Parliament by using barrels of gunpowder to blow up the Parliament building. I had the creeping feeling that analysts and, well, everyone else read too much into what Shakespeare had to say.

Basically, Shakespeare's family was involved in the Gunpowder Plot, so in order to escape a beheading, good ole' Bill wrote *Macbeth* as a nod towards King James I. There are elements that are in favor of King James I including his love for demonology and magic (i.e. the witches and their prophecies). To me, this discredits not just Shakespeare, but his play *Macbeth*.

Not to mention when King Duncan was glorified and loved by everyone in the kingdom even after his death. Also, King Duncan's successor, Macbeth, ended up becoming a paranoid and unloved king.

Furthermore, there are parts in *Macbeth* that are not in his original writing voice—almost like these parts were written by someone else (i.e. the part with the older witch in charge of the three main witches.)

Shakespeare is dubbed as one of the great literary artists since the documentation of time. However, after doing the research, I beg to question as to if he even created his own work. Was *Macbeth* written with some bigger purpose in mind, or was it written just to get Shakespeare and his family out of a terrorist plot? In the end, I'll never know.

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- Current Sauce staff

## Glitter ain't gold

As a freshman at NSU I was required to get a meal plan that I could really only use at Iberville Dining Hall. I was given a declining balance in addition to the set number of meals, but by the time week three had arrived it was gone.

I was left with no other choice but to eat in the cafeteria, which was a tragedy for me. I do not like their food. I thought it was vile, well with them not being able to season it.

When sophomore year rolled around I was happy to get a declining balance only meal plan. I thought maybe it would be better than being required to have the type of meal plan that I barely used and frankly did not want. The declining balance was a better choice for me.

It was no longer necessary for me to only have to eat in the cafe. I could go to VICS for chicken wraps or pasta, The Grill or I could just go to the C-Store and grab me a hot pocket. The possibilities were endless! But the best part about it was the price.

The declining balance was way cheaper than the \$1,500 meal plan that I previously had to get. A cheaper meal plan meant that more money was in my pocket, and we all know money is the best incentive.

The variety of food from The Grill also made it more thrilling. I was in food heaven until that great ol' declining balance quickly started fading away. Yikes! That is the last thing I wanted. I had this awesome meal plan that gave me so many different choices, but I was spending it like free money. And I know money is definitely not free. So what did I do? Nothing (not yet).

By the time I had had this realization, my declining balance was on life support. I was out of luck (or so I thought). I made a budget based on my remaining balance, which is something I should have done in the beginning. Since I budgeted my DB I was able to save the rest of my money until finals week.

I learned a couple of lessons from this experience.

**Lesson number one:** There is no such thing as free money. Although I felt that the declining balance would suit me better, I had to be careful in how I was spending my money.

**Lesson number two:** Just because it glittered did not mean it was gold. A declining balance appealed to me as a freshman and I thought I had to have it, but it was actually no better than the meal plan I was required to have as a freshman. The declining balance meal plan was actually worse because I was not ready to handle budgeting for meals.

So, freshmen, when you read this learn from my mistake. Weigh all your options and also think about your money managing skills. And that goes for everyone. In life there are going to be things that you find attractive and a must have but ask yourself, "Do I really need this? Can I even afford it right now? Can I wait until the time is right?"

Be honest with yourself because once you set it in motion it is hard to turn back or stop it.

## Fifty shades of college literature?

If you've been in a bookstore in the last few months, chances are that you've seen one of the books from the infamous *Fifty Shades* series. Although many reviews focus on the staccato writing style and its shady beginnings as *Twilight* fan-fiction, the novels have earned their place on the shelves of American women.



Catherine Beverly  
Opinions Editor

novel to others. I don't want to seem like a book snob, but there are plenty of well-written stories that you could suggest to others in an academic setting.

I have no issues with romance novels, but I don't go around telling my professors to read *The Darkest Night*. There is nothing bad about reading stories of a sexual nature,

but it requires a higher level of style for it to be appropriate for college-level reading.

*The Guardian's* Zoe Williams

points out a major reason that women suddenly seemed interested in this novel—ease. Instead of sneaking a romance novel out at the library, you can order it from Amazon.

Women see that they can

experiment with this genre of

fiction in a way that may not have

been socially acceptable before.

The fact that this series is accepted by popular review and that there are others just like you makes these books a virtual gold mine for the aforementioned group of women. They throw themselves into this opportunity to experiment in public with something they probably haven't experienced before—Bondage, Dominance and Sadomasochism, or BDSM.

Mainstream America hasn't been big on discussing things of a sexual nature, so adding one book of so-called "Mommy porn" won't change that dynamic. When the literature is subpar, so is the discourse. Sensationalizing the act of sadomasochism doesn't teach people about the meaning of this subset of individuals.

Instead of creating an interesting look into the life of a submissive, the author took two already flat characters and pushed them farther into an unrealistic life.

Christian Grey, the main character of the *Fifty Shades* series, is more controlling and selfish than understanding of his partners' needs. Despite the fact that he is portrayed as a cold billionaire, women have commented endlessly on how perfect he is.

Meanwhile, heroine Anastasia Steele is the epitome of repetitive. In the first book she rolls her eyes 73 times, bites her lip 30 times and says she is "exploding" 25 times around her beau Christian Grey.

All of this adds up to a repetitive read with tons of sex and unimaginative characters. This means that it's like every other fan-fiction.

If you're interested in well-written novels (with a little bit of dirt in them) your professors and classmates may find interesting, try *Like Water for Chocolate* by Laura Esquivel.

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# Lady Demons outcast Lady Tigers

**Andrea Nedorostova**  
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Demons soccer team accomplished its first victory of the season by beating Texas Southern University 4-1 at the Lady Demon Soccer Complex on Friday night.

Junior Yanci Johnson, Natchitoches native, helped the team by scoring twice in the first 30 minutes of the game.

"Today was awesome. It was time for us to win, so it felt really good," Johnson said. "Our opponent challenged us in some ways but we came out on top."

Johnson started the preseason as a defender, but the coaching staff saw potential in her as she continued to impress them with her goal-scoring ability.

"The credit goes to my teammates," Johnson said. "They did a great job playing hard and passing. They fed in perfect balls to me. It would have been a shame if I couldn't finish it."

The Lady Demons started the game very offensively. The Lady Tigers was unable to play the ball on NSU's side of the pitch for most of the first half.

NSU's first chance to score came at the very beginning of the game.

Ashlee Savona was given a penalty kick after she knocked the ball into open space to outrun the Texas Southern defender.

However, Savona was unable to convert the said opportunity against the prepared TSU goal keeper.

Savona kept pushing and a second chance to get her first goal of season came in the 41st minute. Sophomore Taylor Munix played the ball into the middle that found the right foot of Savona.

That score pushed the lead to 3-0.

In the second half, sophomore Jackie Strug came from the defense



Photos by Gary Hardamon

Top photo: Yanci Johnson strikes the ball to score her first goal of the game. Bottom photo: Ashlee Savona beats a defender to the ball to score a goal.

to score for the Lady Demons giving her team a lead of 4-0. Lady Tigers responded to that in the 78<sup>th</sup> minute with their only goal for the game.

"I was really happy to have the win," George Van Linder, first year head coach, said. "I think as all coaches sometimes we are perfectionists. I felt like the second half wasn't as good for us, and we need to have a good 90 minutes."

"Lady Tigers were very athletic and very physical. They wanted

to win bad. They played hard the whole 90 minutes. They were tough team to play despite the score," Van Linder said.

NSU stands 1-1 in the season after the loss with Baylor (0-5) and victory over Texas Southern (4-1). Coach Van Linder explained that this game is a confidence booster for the team but there are some things that they will work on before the next match.

"I felt like the first half was good," Van Linder said. "We

played a good 30 of the first 45 minutes. We need to improve our play in the second half, but it is understandable because it is early in the season."

The Lady Demons will challenge Oral Roberts next Friday at 7 p.m. in a non-conference match at Tulsa, OKLA.

For complete statistics  
of Demon sports  
visit nsudemons.com



Photo by Gary Hardamon

## Demons geared up to kick off football season

**Chris Degeyter**  
Sauce Reporter

After weeks of practice the Demons wrapped up football camp with the team scrimmage game last Wednesday in Turpin Stadium. Bradley Peveto, fourth-year Demon head coach, said the team played a great scrimmage despite a little trouble in terms of consistency from the second and third string.

The Demon offense succeeded in ending the scrimmage with a field goal from senior kicker and punter John Shaughnessy.

That drive was commanded by senior quarterback Brad Henderson, who completed 12 of 20 passes for 120 yards during the scrimmage. Henderson was pleased with the of-

fense's effort, and he believes this level of intensity will help them in the regular season.

"The offense is dangerous with a solid running and passing game, and a strong offensive line," Henderson said. "We made a lot of plays, and that will help us a lot down the field."

Henderson led the Demon offense as quarterback last season, throwing for 1,865 yards and 12 touchdowns by completing 179 passes out of 290 attempts.

Despite those numbers, the Demons finished with a disappointing record of 5-6. It was the second straight season the team finished with that record.

Williams also said he is excited and really looking forward to the upcoming season opener. Demons will head this Saturday to Lubbock, Texas, to play the Red Raiders of Texas Tech.

1,930 through the air and 1,187 on the ground. The offense was led by D.J. Palmer, who is not returning to the Demon football team, and Rumeall Morris, returning as a junior this year to run for the Demons.

As for the defense, senior defensive lineman Wade Williams said the defense learned a lot from their training camp, and the scrimmage game. He believes the defense will give them a definite edge this season despite being young at some positions. Last year Williams had 33 tackles, 20 of which were solo tackles.

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# West Nile Virus sweeps through Louisiana

Camille Mosley  
Sauce Reporter

As of Sept. 10, 2012, according to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), there have been nine deaths and a total of 176 cases of West Nile Virus in La., with Natchitoches having one of the nine deaths. This is said to be the highest amount of reported cases in Louisiana in the past several years.

Mosquitoes are known to carry many fatal diseases and viruses. What most don't know about mosquitoes, however, is that they get these illnesses by biting other creatures.

Southern states are the most problematic because of their marshy landscapes, which make it easy for mosquitoes to breed.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), there have been about 1,118 cases of West Nile Virus reported in the third week of August. This is the highest amount of cases of the virus since its discovery in the United States in 1999.

What exactly is the West Nile Virus? It usually occurs in the summer and the fall and is a potentially fatal illness.

The virus starts off in infected birds that are bitten by mosquitoes. Once a mosquito has the virus, it then hosts the virus until the mosquito bites a human or any other organism.

Taylor Hay, a freshman nursing major, tells the dangerous effects of contracting the virus.

"Someone I know has it," Hay said. "He was fine, and he went

to get out the car one day, and he couldn't move at all. His wife took him to the hospital, and he has swelling on his brain, so they have to do surgery to get the swelling out of his brain. There is really nothing they can do about it except monitor the symptoms."

Severe symptoms of the virus can include but are not limited to high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis.

Milder symptoms include fever, headaches and body aches, nausea, vomiting, swollen lymph nodes and rashes on the chest, stomach and back.

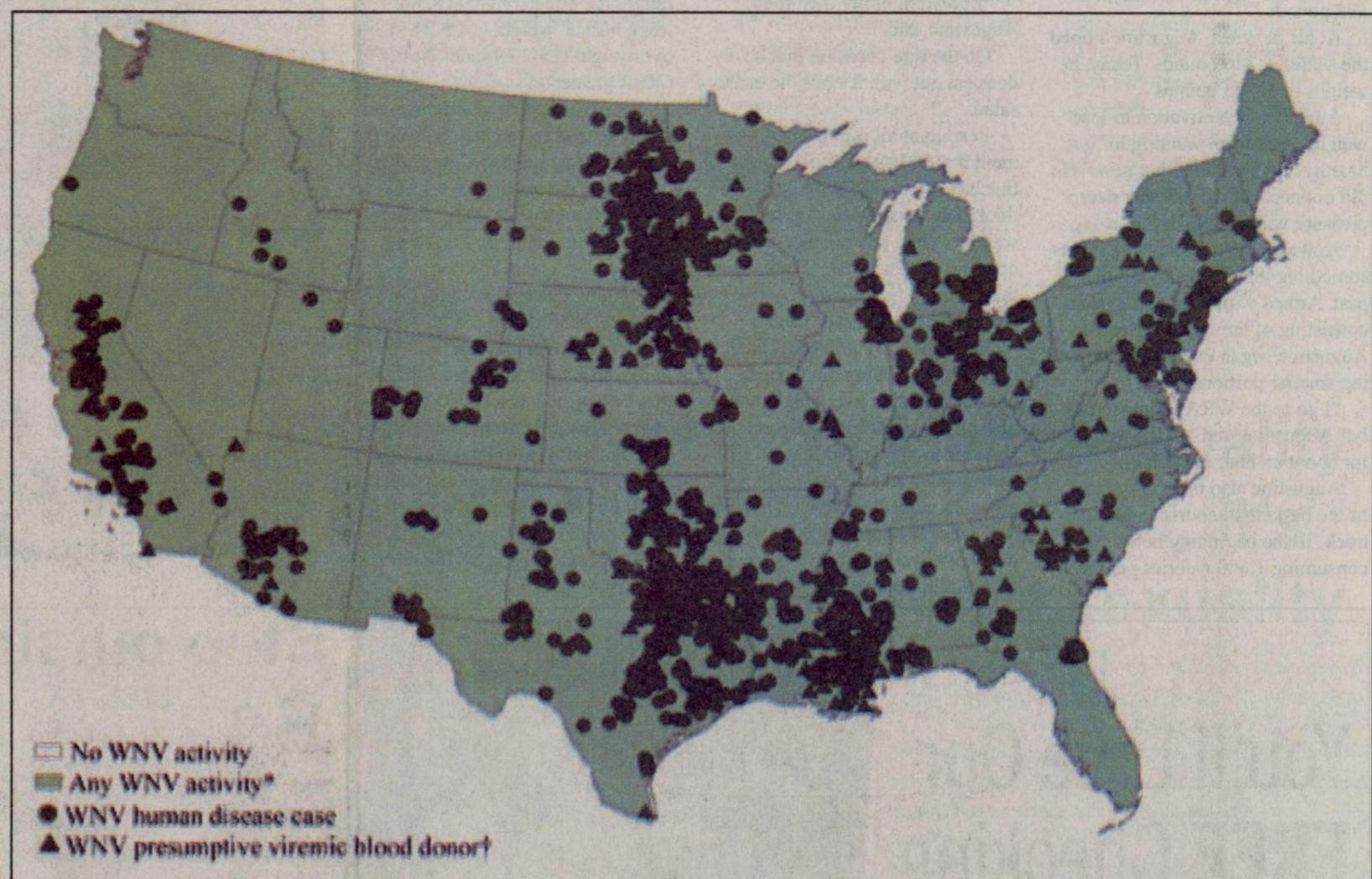
Up to 20 percent of who are infected show symptoms. According to the CDC, people typically develop symptoms between 3-14 days after the infected mosquito bites them.

Ayanna Cooper, a freshman business major, expresses her concern about taking precaution against West Nile Virus.

"I really think people should be concerned about the West Nile Virus because it's very dangerous, and we have a lot of mosquitoes here in Louisiana," Cooper said.

"It's very humid and [mosquitoes] love humidity. There have been cases already in Louisiana, and people have already died from this, so I really think people should take precaution. Wear some [insect repellent] when you go out. Just be careful and watch out for it."

DHH Office of Public Health Assistant Secretary J.T. Lane says that preventative measures can be



Source: www.cdc.gov

Map shows the distribution of WNV activity occurring in 2012. The state of Louisiana reported 31 new cases of West Nile this week.

taken to avoid getting the virus.

"This is an easy illness to avoid - if you know you'll be outside, take a few minutes to apply repellent," Lane said.

"We want people to be especially mindful of this because we are just getting to the time of year when people are spending more time outside tailgating, going to football games and having cookouts. Be aware of West Nile, and do what you need to do to protect yourself."

These preventative measures include the use of insect repellent when going outside, wearing long sleeves and pants outside, having good screens on doors and windows, and to throw away any stagnant water.

For more information on the West Nile Virus visit the Center for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov.



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Only apply repellents to exposed skin and/or clothing.

## Important Dates for Mr. & Miss NSU Election

**Deadline to submit nominations & applications: Sept. 14**

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## University honors J.D. Garrett



Courtesy of News Bureau  
Northwestern State University presented a posthumous Nth Degree to the family of Natchitoches educator and community leader, J.D. Garrett, at Saturday's football game. Garrett, who passed away earlier this year, was a fourth-term Natchitoches Parish Police Juror and a career educator as a teacher and coach in the Natchitoches Parish School System. The Nth Degree is presented in recognition of unselfish devotion to duty and the willingness to go the extra mile in meritorious service. From left, Yvette Ceasar-Williams, Pamela Harris, Rose Garrett, NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb, Northwestern State Director of Athletics Greg Burke, Shanell Jackson, Rodney Smith and Edward Scott III.

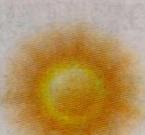
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# Augustine: NSU's biggest loser

**Contessa Wills**  
Staff Writer

Darrell Augustine has made an amazing transformation in the last year.

The senior computer information systems (CIS) major has lost 135 pounds.

At his heaviest, Augustine tipped the scales at 340 pounds. Today, he weighs in at 205 pounds.

Augustine's motivation to lose weight came from wanting to "get healthy and try something new." He did not necessarily face any peer pressure while at NSU.

However, he does say that it was something that he dealt with in the past. Armed with a support system consisting of family and friends, Augustine began exercising and eating smaller portions.

"I go to the WRAC almost daily," Augustine said. "I lift weights for about an hour and a half."

Augustine also takes advantage of the basketball courts and indoor track. In the beginning he was consuming 1,600 calories per day.

However, he found that he was not eating enough. Now he consumes 2,100 calories per day.

Maintaining a diet on a college campus can be difficult and seemingly impossible at times given the choices, but Augustine has found a way around that.

"I cook all of my own food," Augustine said.

On the rare occasion that he does eat out with friends, he orders salad.

In spite of all of the encouragement that he has received, Augustine has had to deal with those who think that he needs to stop losing weight. When others voice such opinions, Augustine makes it clear that he took the initiative to lose weight for himself, not them.

According to stanfordhospital.org, "The U.S. Surgeon General has declared that overweight and obesity have reached epidemic proportions in the United States."

The website also states that "currently, about 35 percent of women and 31 percent of men are considered seriously overweight, and 15 percent of children between the ages of six

and 19 are overweight."

Those who are unaware of whether they are overweight or obese should take advantage of the BMI (body mass index) calculator provided on Stanford's website.

BMI is a measure of weight proportionate to height. The BMI ranges are underweight (18.5 or less), normal weight (18.5-24.9), overweight (25-29.9) and obesity (30 or greater).

When Augustine's initial weight and height were calculated using the Stanford Hospital and Clinic BMI calculator, the results were 43.6. This BMI means that at his heaviest he was in the morbidly obese range and at severe risk for life threatening diseases such as Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and sleep apnea.

By losing the amount of weight that he has, he has reduced his risk of developing these diseases.

Log onto stanfordhospital.org for more information on obesity and the BMI. For more information regarding the WRAC's hours of operation and the services offered, log onto wrac.nsula.edu.



Submitted Photos

Darrel Augustine, a senior computer information systems major, before and after his weight loss.

## Step outside your comfort zone

**E**very day people make decisions that are mostly in their comfort zone. They might hang out with that same group of friends or wear those same pair of pleated pants (which in most casual situations I hardly recommend, especially for guys).



Jacob Labutka  
Style Columnist

We have become content with what is easy and familiar (I am no exception to this). When approaching what is different, we need to face it straightforwardly and try it out.

There's nothing wrong with hanging out with those same groups of friends, but there's also nothing wrong with expanding your trust circle. Now to get back to the subject of pants and related items, there's also nothing wrong with bringing something different into the dressing room.

For example, something that I abhorred for the longest time was wearing tank tops. The thought of having my underarms exposed made me cringe with disgust (I'm admittedly being overdramatic).

But the day came when I saw an American Apparel tank top that was too cute to resist, and now I

am a proud tank top owner. And I shall continue my search for cute tank tops as I keep resisting my subconscious urge to resist them.

I often hear my friends say that they don't like a particular style or color on them.

Chances are, they tried a style or color on once or twice and it gave

them an initial bad impression. I insist that they give the different style or color another chance.

If it's something absolutely detestable like platform flip-flops then it's perfectly fine to say no. But if it's something you say you don't like but secretly wish to explore, then go for it!

The worst-case scenario is that you will try a few variations of the item and not like it. At least you can say that you made an attempt to go out of your comfort zone.

Apart from clothing, there are a variety of accessories that we often don't think to incorporate into our

style. Come to think of it, many of us do not use accessories at all.

Once again, I am also guilty of not expanding my horizons into the

accessories department. Something I've never given much thought to is wearing suspenders.

Suspenders always seemed like they belonged on men from another time or on

the iconic nerd, Steve Urkel. But after seeing how dapper they look on others with the right wardrobe, I put my judgments aside. I soon hope to be the proud owner of black suspenders.

What we're used to wearing in our wardrobes can make us distinguishably fashionable or redundant.

Take a chance and buy some new pants. In other words, go try on different styles of clothing in your size or accessories because you just might like it.

## Lady of the Bracelet

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## Nip it in the bud: a look at circumcision in America

**G**enital mutilation is a huge issue, even in our supposedly modern society, but much of the public seems to ignore circumcision as a problem for a majority of male newborns in the United States. This procedure is so ingrained in our society and we don't even seem to realize this.

Western culture has dealt with the issue of whether or not to circumcise a newborn for thousands of years, yet there has been no decision reached in America about the actual health benefits of circumcision until recently. The American Academy of Pediatrics has released a statement that says the benefits of circumcision outweigh the risks.

Although this notion seems popular in America, the majority



Catherine Beverly  
Opinions Editor

of the population in the countries of New Zealand, Japan, Germany, Sweden, France, Italy and England are less likely to practice circumcision.

The invention of circumcision as a ritual came about in a few different ways, but it seems that the Australian Aborigines were the first to practice this as a puberty rite for young boys circa 10,000 B.C.E. It

also seems that northeastern African and Arabian settlements developed this ritual for male and female children around 6,000 B.C.E.

If you follow the course of history, you will see that this idea spread along with the people of these northeastern countries. Circa 450 B.C.E., the first books of the Hebrew Bible are compiled and included a reference of Yahweh's command for all men to be circumcised.

Much later in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, Jewish physician Moses ben Maimon explained that this practice was a test of faith and used to discourage sexual indulgence. Some Puritan sects in England reverted back to the law of the Old Testament in the 1650s and were goaded for their practices.

These Puritans fled to the New World and formed the basis of America's social construct, adding their ideas on circumcision to the fabric of our community. This is one of the reasons this procedure is so prevalent in today's society.

Before you judge circumcision, realize your natural prejudices against uncircumcised penises and consider the information provided accordingly. The subject of circumcision is important to many new parents in this day and age.

Some health benefits of circumcision include decreased risk of urinary health infections, reduced risk of sexually transmitted diseases in men and prevention of balanitis (inflammation of glands). The risks of the operation are obvious, as it involves the detachment of foreskin

from the penis and the removal of the excess skin.

The argument against circumcision is that it is a form of genital mutilation that is reprehensible. Yet, because our society is generally accepting of it, we do not see the comparison. The major detractors of circumcision take the stance that it decreases the level of sexual pleasure for the male and also decreases the amount of natural lubricant.

Without considering the obvious religious influence, major supporters have overestimated the health benefits and also see the circumcised form as more aesthetically pleasing.

This is almost completely related to social influences. As there is a higher probability to

see a circumcised penis than an uncircumcised one, supporters are likely to find that they unconsciously prefer the aesthetic and idea of a circumcised penis.

Consider the side of those against circumcision who see it as a form of non-consensual genital mutilation, however normalized. Although I do not support the banning of either option, I believe society should be less biased and learn about both sides of this argument.

If you would like more information on this subject, my sources were: [www.historyofcircumcision.net](http://www.historyofcircumcision.net) and the Wikipedia article "Prevalence of Circumcision."

## Student parking “problem” isn’t really an issue

**A**t the beginning of every semester, I hear many students complain about the lack of parking spaces on campus. Students have been late for their classes since the very first day of the semester, and their apologies are very similar. “I could not find a parking spot for my car,” is one of them.

The issue of a lack of parking spots is not true. Our campus has enough parking spots. The issue we have is that nobody wants to walk. I see people re-parking their car to go from Iberville Cafeteria to Kyser Hall.

Now that is the problem.

There is one big parking lot in particular that I would like to point out. It is the parking lot that is located among the Coliseum, Tennis Complex and Turpin Stadium. Unless there is an athletic event or graduation, the parking lot is pretty much empty.

But wait, does that mean that you will have to walk five minutes to get to your building?

Yes, it does. Now think about it. Those five minutes of walking can get you to class faster than wasting time while looking for a parking spot for 10 minutes or even longer.

If you live on campus and you drive your car around, you might think about saving some gas by parking next to your dorm. At the same time, you would do a good deed by leaving some free parking spots for commuters. We all need to be aware of the fact that we are lucky to have a small campus where we can walk from one end to another literally in 10 minutes.

I have been doing it for three years now, and I am still alive! Imagine how far you would have to walk on a bigger campus like LSU. You would most likely have to walk at least 10 or 15 minutes from the closest parking lot.

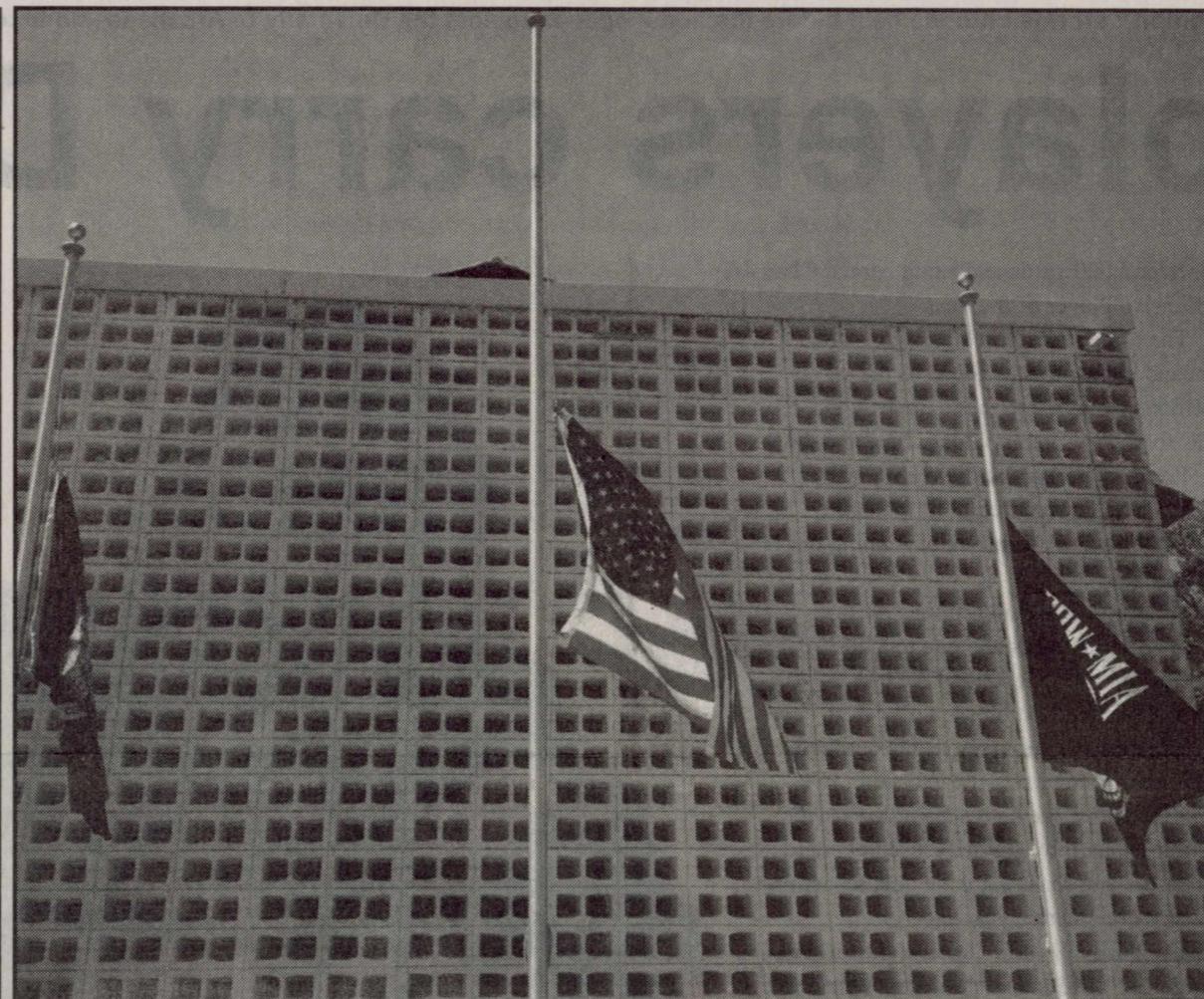
I do not have a car, so I have never had to deal with this problem. I always walk or ride my bicycle. Believe it or not, most of the time I make it to my destination faster than somebody who drives a car. I can take shortcuts while others are stuck in the traffic jam. Also, with a bicycle, I get to park closer to buildings, which is a big advantage if I am running late.

Walking takes a little bit longer, but it is a great exercise. You can do a huge favor for your heart if you walk around campus everyday. Another positive outcome of walking is that muscles on your legs will be toned. So, if you do not like walking, try to think about how beneficial a few extra steps per day could be for you!

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## Don't be a social media bully

**S**ocial media is just that—a way to socialize through a form of media. It is not a way to start more arguments or, quite frankly, be a bully. I just wish people would realize this.

I am an avid Facebooker. I am an avid tweeter. I enjoy Instagram, but I am not as proactive with the website. However, I was not always this way. I used to hate Facebook because it was taking away from MySpace, and I used to think Twitter was the devil until I saw the movie *The Social Network*.

I suddenly became obsessed with Facebook and the concept of social media. I started doing research on Facebook and its creators. In fact, I wrote my senior research paper on the evolution of media.

Mark Zuckerberg created Facebook (originally called TheFacebook) with his roommates in 2004. The website was for college students at Harvard to connect with their classmates, friends and college professors.



Camille Mosley  
Freshman Scholar

When Zuckerberg expanded the website, starting with Stanford University in California, he joined forces with one of the largest contributors to the website, Sean Parker. Parker told Zuckerberg to remove ‘the’ from TheFacebook.

After making this change, Facebook became a rapid success. By the time Facebook became available for use by anyone over the age of 13, it was already a global phenomenon. With the expansion of Facebook, there is always drama. Zuckerberg has been sued by, well, basically everyone.

If you've seen the movie, then you know what I'm talking about. Seriously? Is there a reason we humans can't settle our differences in person anymore?

I am on the verge of despising Facebook because of what I have to see every time I get on. I have witnessed adults arguing on Facebook with people my age or younger. If that isn't sad, then I don't know what is.

so I won't elaborate further on that. I have no qualms with Zuckerberg, in fact, it's just the opposite. He's made it on to my “People to Meet List.”

What I do have a problem with is that people have abused Facebook and Twitter horrendously.

The abuse didn't start with just Facebook and Twitter, though. It has been around ever since people realized they could hide behind a computer screen to say nasty things.

What really has me bothered is every time I get on Facebook, I see petty passive-aggressive statuses or when I get on Twitter and see that stupid hashtag "#subtweet."

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## Metrosexuality is a myth; it's not a sexuality

**A**s humans we often find ourselves unnecessarily ascribing labels to everything, even if the word we use is entirely inappropriate. A label I personally do not agree with is the term metrosexual, which is used to identify heterosexual men who act and maintain their appearance like homosexual men.

Although the use of the term as an identifier has become less popular since the days of *Queer Eye*, many still use it in reference to the feminized heterosexual male. The existence of this term is a fallacy (unless of course you want the *Queer Eye* cast influencing the future of the English vernacular).

The urban trend for heterosexual men to give regard to their appearance (prefix metro-) does not make that an inherent component of their sexuality (suffix -sexual).

An individual's personality or habit is not an innate indicator of their sexuality (unless applying concealer is a new form of foreplay).

The term metrosexuality further perpetuates stereotypes about gay men, especially due to the metrosexual personalities embodied by media figures like the *Queer Eye* cast. Being identified as a metrosexual separates feminine men from the set standard of masculinity (that social scientists refer to as “hegemonic masculinity”).

It all comes down to our culture's love of binaries such as man and woman, urban and rural, straight and gay. If we believe in these binaries, then men in our culture are either urban dwelling girly men or rural inhabiting manly men. This view is simplistic, easy to understand and horribly mistaken.

We have moved past the age of industrialization when dominant sociopolitical discourse was on the pros and cons of only city and rural life. Today there are diverse human settlements that fall in between a village and the big city. The same principle holds true for gendered discourse.

We need to evolve past the obvious distinctions between man and woman and discuss the plurality of identity that exists within those categories. There is more than just one type of woman or man. The only thing linking people of the same gender is the fact that they identify as the same gender (unless we want to believe that everyone adheres to a set gendered personality).

If we understand that there is more than just one type of woman, then we must ask ourselves how we can label a man as metrosexual. How can a man be classified as having feminine characteristics when women who pride themselves on their individuality that is distinct from gendered stereotypes embody true femininity?

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Gary Hardamon

Northwestern State University's mascot, "Vic the Demon," storms onto the field before the home opener against the University of Arkansas-Monticello Boll Weevils, Saturday in Turpin Stadium.

## Young players carry Demons

**Claiborne, Taylor show out for first home game**

Jimmie Walker  
Editor-in-Chief

If coaches dream about young players stepping up and performing well in crucial situations, then coach Bradley Dale Peveto's dreams came true Saturday night in Turpin Stadium.

Two young players, sophomore cornerback Imoan Claiborne and freshman running back Daniel Taylor, stole the show as they helped lift the demons over the upset-seeking Boll Weevils of Arkansas Monticello, 31-24.

The win gave the Demons its first of the season (1-1), while the loss dropped the University of Arkansas-Monticello to 1-1 after an impressive 78-0 week-one win over College of Faith.

Claiborne set the pace for the Demons.

Four plays into the game, he made a read to intercept UAM's quarterback, Hunter Leppert, that turned into 26-yard touchdown.

"It was a look we worked on in practice," Claiborne said. "I recognized, covered my guy and the quarterback threw me the ball."

The Demon defense remained strong throughout the game and rarely gave up big plays.

With the game tied 24-all, it was the offense's turn to match the defense's level.

The Demon coaching staff took a chance and called Taylor's name.

He was lined to the right of the quarterback and motioned directly behind him.

Senior quarterback Brad Henderson handed the ball to him, and Taylor darted to the endzone. Taylor's 25-yard scat to the left side gave the Demons the game-winning touchdown.

It was the first collegiate run of his career.

"We thought it was a good time to get him in there on the plus end of the field as a change of pace, and he took advantage of the good blocks and made a great run," NSU offensive coordinator Todd Cooley said.

Last year, Taylor excelled on the prep level, running

for over 2,000 yards and being named Class 4A Offensive Player of the Year.

The drive started on NSU's 20-yard line and looked to stay there, as the Demons struggled to move the ball and was forced to convert a long third-and-10.

Henderson kept the drive alive with a pass to senior receiver Phillip Harvey, followed by runs from senior running back Sidney Riley.

Riley led all Demons on the ground, rushing for 95 yards and one touchdown.

Coach Peveto described the win as ugly but was pleased with his team's effort.

"There are quite a few teams out there who have been upset," Peveto said. "We won the game. We beat a team that played extremely hard by playing extremely hard ourselves and finishing the game, something we struggled with a year ago."

The Purple Swarm Defense forced four turnovers, three interceptions and one fumble recover. Two of those interceptions were returned for a touchdown.

Despite the turnovers, Arkansas-Monticello never backed down. The team received big plays from receiver Jamal Nixon and running back Blake Prince.

Nixon scored UAM's first points of the game when he caught a pass through the middle before eluding several Demon tackles en route to the endzone. His touchdown cut the lead to 14-7.

After Demon senior kicker John Shaughnessy nailed a 47-yarder to put NSU up 17-7, UAM's Prince returned the ensuing kickoff for an 82-yard touchdown.

"Give UAM a lot of credit for playing hard, but we had a ton of self-inflicted wounds," Cooley said. "We've got to get rid of the ball sooner on pass plays. We've got to be together on the snap count. These are not difficult to correct and we did look sharp when we had to have it."

The Demons jump back in action this weekend as the team heads to Reno, Nev. for a 6:05 p.m. kickoff against the Wolfpack at Mackay Stadium.



Imoan Claiborne

## Lady Demons shut out LSUS, 3-0

**Johnson adds fourth goal of season**

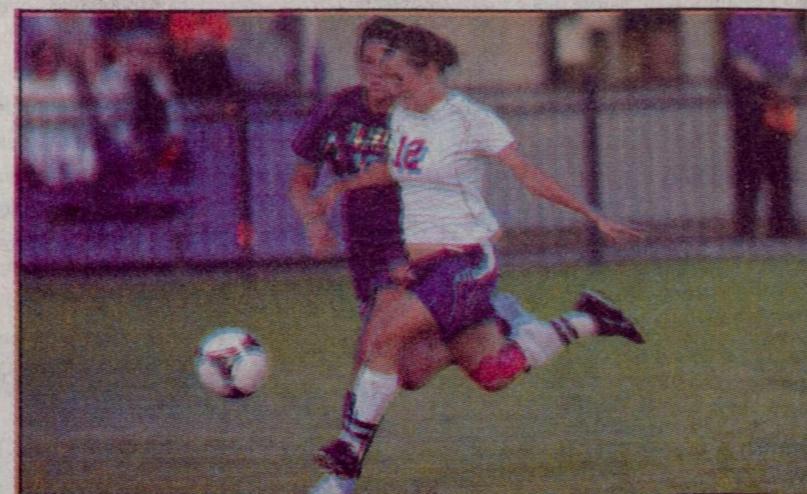
Chris Degeyter  
Staff Reporter

The Lady Demons bounced back Monday with a 3-0 win against LSU-Shreveport in the Demon Soccer Complex to earn their first shutout of the season.

The win came after a tough loss to future conference rival Houston Baptist University Friday in the Demon Soccer Complex.

The effort improved the Lady Demons to a 2-4 record while dropping LSU-Shreveport to 2-3.

After struggling against a tough defense from LSU-Shreveport for nearly 30 minutes of play, a pair of goals both assisted by junior for-



Gary Hardamon

**Yanci Johnson dribbles the ball past a LSUS defender to score.**

ward Ashlee Savona came six minutes apart. Those goals were scored by junior forward Yanci Johnson and junior midfielder Taylor Mulinix.

Johnson's goal was her fourth for the season. She leads the team. Johnson said the game was positive. It

gave the team a win it really needed. Johnson credits her scored goals to her teammates giving her lots of help and good shot opportunities.

"We're just looking to score more goals and win more games," Johnson said.

In the second half, the Lady Demons played more defensively but still managed another goal from sophomore midfielder Chelsea Shaefer.

Brooke Bourbonaise and Jessica Danku teamed up at goalkeeper to cement the shut out of the LSU-Shreveport attack. They combined for just two blocks, but with the Lady Demon defense that was all the goalkeepers needed to completely halt LSU-Shreveport's advance.

"Any time you can get a win, that's always something positive," Lady Demon Head Coach George Van Linder said. "We're very excited about tonight's victory. It's good to get a second win."

The Lady Demons will look forward to two games this weekend in Arkansas, with a game Friday night at Arkansas-Little Rock (2-6) and a game Sunday afternoon against Arkansas-Pine Bluff (1-1).



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## Ad space available in Christmas Gala program



Last year's Gala performance had more than 10,000 in attendance including 6,000 for evening shows.

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Local businesses can support the School of Creative and Performing Arts at Northwestern State University and attract customers during the busy holiday season in Natchitoches by purchasing an ad in the Christmas Gala program.

The annual Christmas Gala will be held on Nov. 28-30 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Last year's eight performances attracted an audience of more than 10,000 including 6,000 for the evening shows.

"During the past 20 years, the Gala has become one of the most well-known and favorite events of the Natchitoches Christmas Festival," said Bill Brent, director of the School of Creative and Performing Arts. "Many of the individuals who come to the Gala come from out of

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## New budget bill, scholarships increase

Ty Johnson  
News Editor

**D**ue to recent budget cuts, the university reduced its workforce by 40 positions this semester.

This is the fifth consecutive budget cut for the university since 2008.

Although the positions were eliminated or frozen, no employees were terminated. They were transferred to other departments.

"We haven't terminated anyone," President Randall Webb said. "I think that's a positive thing that we were able to do."

Last June Gov. Bobby Jindal's chief budget advisor, Paul Rainwater said to expect at least a \$200 million cut in state funds.

Total state support for higher education--money from sources such as taxes and financial aid--has dropped 6.1 percent since the 2008.

The budgets cuts stem from the new state operating budget adopted by the Louisiana Legislature and approved by Gov. Bobby Jindal two months ago.

NSU's Vice President of Business Affairs Carl Jones said restricting travel to instructional

purposes, minimizing supplies and reducing positions was necessary to save funds.

"We had to freeze hiring to balance the budget, so that meant fewer staff and fewer faculty to manage the student body," Jones said.

State funding has been reduced by 46 percent since 2008. Approximately 10.7 percent of that percentage was cut this year. Since 2008, the university has reduced the workforce by 248 positions.

Forty of those positions were from this year's cut.

"No one is sadder than me, Mr. Jones and the members of my cabinet," Webb said. "We want to reward our faculty. We appreciate the good work that they do."

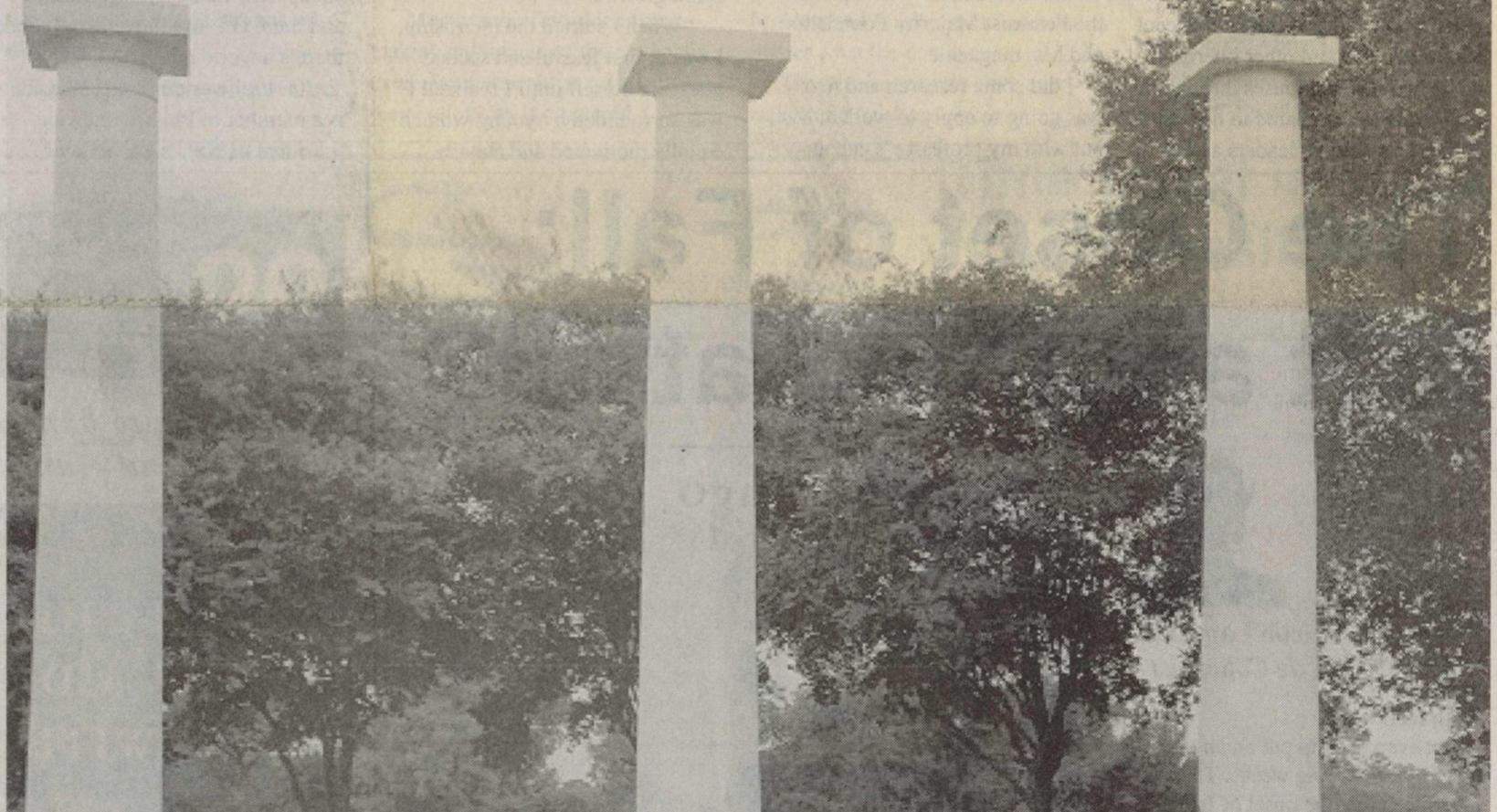
What does this fall's budget cut mean for students?

Jones believes the effects are minimal.

"The only service students might witness is larger class sizes," he said.

Webb said in the past, NSU's teacher to student ratio has been smaller compared to other universities.

With this semester's largest number of incoming freshman since selective admissions and recent workforce reductions, bigger



Despite the recent budget cut, the university increased privately funded scholarships by \$1.5 million.

classes may be a visible change for students.

Despite the reductions, he remains positive.

"All we can do is budget wisely and hope for the best," Webb said.

On a lighter note, Webb

said there are still great things happening at NSU.

"This fall we're setting records when it comes to privately funded scholarships," Webb said.

This year the university awarded the largest number of privately funded scholarships and the largest

dollar amount in NSU history.

"The good news for the students is we increased scholarships by \$1.5 million," Jones said. "What we did was give back to the students as much as we could possibly give back."

Webb said students who didn't receive federal funding can look to privately funded scholarships as a potential source of financial aid.

"We're giving back every opportunity. I think that's good news everyone should know," Jones said.

## Creole Heritage Center to host Bone Marrow Transplant Drive

Damian Glover  
Sauce Reporter

**A**re you interested in saving a life? The Bone Marrow Transplant Drive is an event that allows students to do that.

The drive will be held in the Student Union, Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Any student, faculty member or organization interested in sponsoring a drive is encouraged to attend.

Tracey Colson, public relations and marketing director of the Creole Heritage Center, believes the more people that join the registry, the more opportunities for patients to find potential matches.

"It is important to join the registry to give patients with blood and bone marrow diseases like leukemia and sickle cell more opportunities to find bone marrow matches to save their life," Colson said. "Matches are not based on blood type but rather a genetic match. Essentially it's all about the DNA."

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 60 can donate, but younger donors ages 18 to 44 are especially needed. Research shows younger donor cells lead to more successful transplants because younger donors produce higher quality cells than older donors.

Colson said diseases such as MDS, a pre-form of leukemia, sickle cell anemia and other blood and bone diseases require bone marrow transplants.

The transplant process has improved drastically in the past

twenty years with 85 percent of transplants done through a process similar to giving blood; surgery is rarely required for most transplants.

For freshman nursing major Faith Decalmbre, awareness on the issue is all she needed to decide to help.

"After recently finding out information about bone marrow transplants and how easy it is to give, I would definitely be interested in becoming a donor and will encourage others to do so as well," Decalmbre said.

Colson said one misconception about donating is that a match is easily found within someone's immediate family, but 70 percent of the time matches are not found within the family.

Every person that registers is another chance at saving someone's life.

"Donors with diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds and all minorities are especially needed," Colson said. "Of the nine million registry members, only about seven percent make up the African

American community and less than 3 percent comprise those of mixed race ancestry. There are 74 percent or six million registry members that are Caucasian.

The need for minority registrants is extreme the small amount of potential matches makes the chances for finding a match startlingly small."

Visit [marrow.org](http://marrow.org) for information. Anyone interested in helping or sponsoring these drives contact Colson at 661-7CREOLE or [traceycolson@ymail.com](mailto:traceycolson@ymail.com).

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# Brandi Vincent finds her voice

News Bureau

**B**randi Vincent's summer internship was more than work experience or a line to add to her resume.

It was a summer of discovering personal independence and a passion for motivating others towards civic engagement. Vincent lived in Los Angeles for eight weeks and worked for the Feminist Majority Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to women's equality, reproductive health and non-violence. Working with FMF, founder of Ms. magazine, Vincent found her voice in supporting advocacy for marginalized groups.

A Lafayette native, Vincent is a junior at the Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State University, the state's only designated honors college. She is a double major pursuing a degree in liberal arts/humanities and English literature with a concentration in gender and women's studies.

During her internship, she worked primarily on Get Out the Vote, an initiative that provides resources and information on voter registration and encourages citizens to become educated about issues on their ballot.

"Our focus was mobilization, registration and education," Vincent explained. She and other interns visited college campuses throughout California and prepared to host a summit for student leaders across

the country. "I got to see a lot of the state. We showed them how to fill out voter registration forms, identify the best ways to get the forms on their campuses and how to lead the Get Out the Vote campaign at each school. We hope to motivate and energize students to vote."

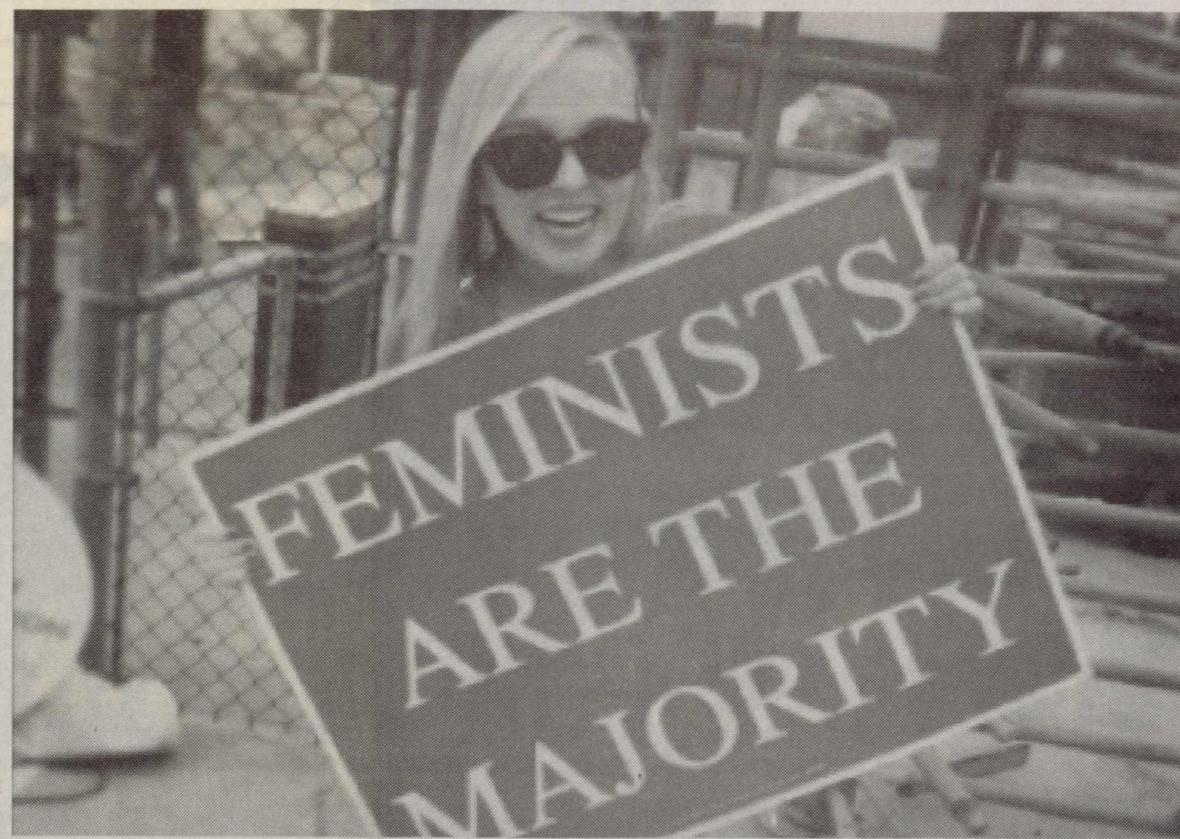
Her work with the Feminist Majority Foundation included campus outreach to strengthen the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, a national pro-choice student network. In addition to work in advocacy and awareness, Vincent and others volunteered as clinic escorts at women's clinics. She also helped with a Ms. piece on the top women's studies programs around the nation.

Students in the Louisiana Scholars' College are encouraged to pursue internships. Last year, Vincent worked at a law firm and quickly realized that was not the field she wanted to pursue.

She discovered an interest in feminism as a college freshman when she enrolled in Dr. Holly Stave's interdisciplinary approach to gender studies class.

"Taking that class, I became aware of limitations of certain marginalized groups," she said. "I saw a documentary last year on Gloria Steinem, about her part in the Feminist Majority Foundation and Ms. magazine.

I did some research and first was going to apply to work at Ms., but with my professor's encour-



Submitted Photo

Scholars' student hopes to clarify definition of feminism and encourage peers to vote.

agement, I applied to the Feminist Majority Foundation. I was one of the first and one of the few interns from the south. The other interns were from all over the country, with two internships from France and Taiwan."

The experience was one of personal growth.

"When I started the internship, I was at first fearful and second guessing myself until I realized I was surrounded by young women equally motivated and equally

driven. I also felt confident that my Scholars' education was up to par with that of women who went to Ivy League schools," she said. "I was living thousands of miles away without my parents and completely out of my comfort zone. I figured out I can make it on my own. Louisiana is my home and my culture and there is a lot to love about it but there's a world out there."

At Northwestern State, Vincent is a member of Phi Mu and vice president of NSU's Panhellenic Council, whose philanthropy is Circle of Sisterhood Foundation, a group devoted to helping girls in underdeveloped nations stay in school.

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She hopes to work with both men and women on campus to start a Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance chapter and encourage the Scholars' College Forum Council and the Student Government Association to plan events to educate students about candidates, ensure the campus post office has voter

registration forms and initiate a campus V-Day campaign, a national movement to end violence against women and girls. She will also continue to focus on Get Out the Vote.

"People forget that while the presidential election is important, other proposals on the ballot can affect us just as much," Vincent said. "I care about issues and what's going to affect me personally. It's important for people to vote and feel confident in what they are voting on. We want to get students registered and educated to vote. It's our future that's on the line."

She also intends to clarify the definition of feminism.

"Students need to be educated about what feminism is. It's not sexism against men. It's equality for all people, equality for all marginalized groups" she said.

Vincent is already examining her options following graduation. She may pursue a joint Ph.D. program in English literature and women's studies and, with a minor in French, would like to teach abroad.

In addition to writing literature, she is also interested in journalism and was asked by Ms. to consider a blog, "Confessions of a Southern Feminist."

The network of activists she encountered during her internship was eye opening.

"Some people think I'm radical. I'm not nearly as radical as some," she said.

## The Onset of Fall: Is it anything at all?

**I**t's almost that time of the year when we're not always dripping sweat after standing outside for five minutes.

Jacob Labutka

Style Columnist



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These are outfit examples of fall fashion in a Disney style.

onset of winter.

For instance, if you're in need of a new winter coat now is the best time to purchase it. Many stores have a large selection of coats and winter wear that are at lower prices than similar merchandise in subsequent months.

Besides the possibility of shopping, going on day trips like this is a great bonding experience for a group of friends. Whether you're wanting to bond with new classmates or life-long friends, what better way is there to do so than helping each other purchase new winter shoes?

Some of this advice may not seem as applicable to us in the deep south (although there are some cold days that take us by surprise). How-

ever, many of us plan on traveling north to either visit or begin the next chapter of our lives, especially some graduating seniors.

I encourage those who plan on migrating north to buy some winter gear here because it is often cheaper in the south than in the north where demand is greater. After you become financially stable in your new habitat, you can splurge on the latest north winter fashions.

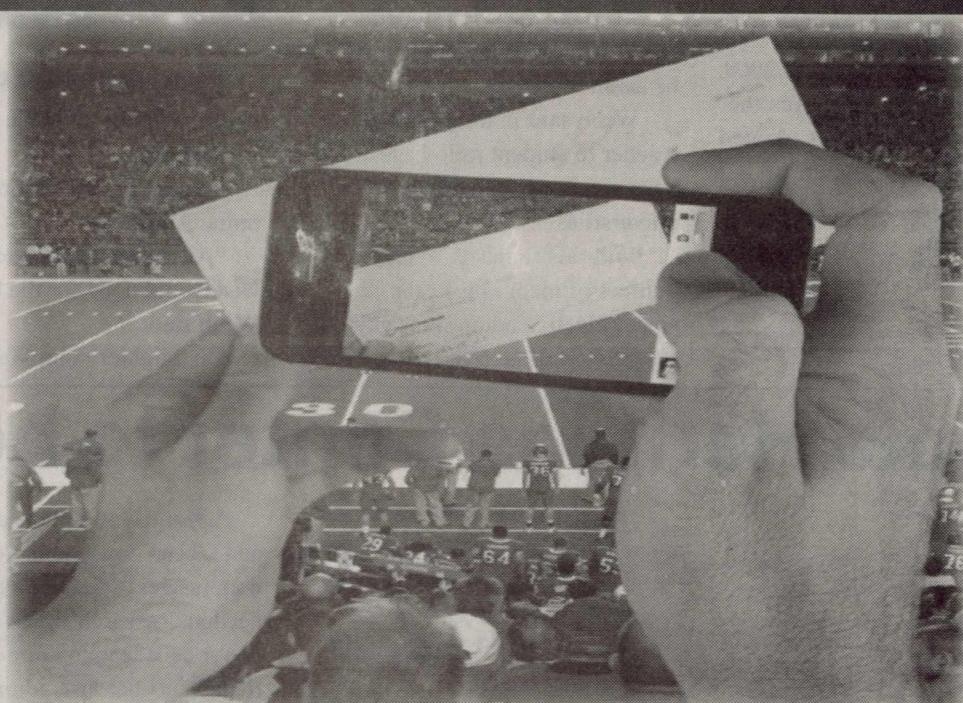
Overall, I seem to be ignoring the actual fall season. However, in this state such a period of time hardly exists.

Here, the leaves don't change colors, it's still humid and sometimes hot in October, and the only two seasons here are summer and not summer.

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## Attacks on Islam do not justify violence

The major headline throughout the world is the outrage sparked throughout the Middle East by a film called "The Innocence of Muslims" produced by American Coptic Christian Sam Bacile.



**Katie Acosta**  
Guest columnist

Protests broke out in Yemen, Pakistan, Libya, Iran and Egypt resulting in several deaths including that of Chris Stevens, the U.S. ambassador to Libya.

The United States has increased military security in the Middle East because protesters seem to be targeting anything American—from U.S. government officials to fast food restaurants such as McDonald's and KFC.

"The Innocence of Muslims" is a low-budget film that portrays the Prophet Mohammad as a womanizer, a pedophile and a homosexual.

Sam Bacile, the creator of the film, told the Wall Street Journal that he intended to make an attack at the faith.

"Islam is a hateful religion," Bacile said. "Islam is a cancer. The movie is a political movie. It's not a religious movie."

Authorities warned Bacile



The illustration above depicts all known riots related to the "Innocence of Muslims" film.

that this film would be highly controversial and possibly spark violence. Also, many of the actors and employees in the film claimed Bacile duped them and their voices in production.

After watching the video on YouTube, it is evident to me that this video has no artistic or cinematic value. It was intended

to provoke and create a nasty attack on one of the world's major monotheistic religions.

The reaction to this video is not the first time we have seen Middle Eastern Muslims outraged about the western world's interpretations of their faith.

Florida Pastor Terry Jones called

for Koran burnings in 2010 on the anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, and British schoolteacher Gillian Gibbons was imprisoned in Sudan for naming a teddy bear Mohammad in 2007.

Muslims are forbidden from making any image of their prophet, even one in a positive way, because they believe he is so sacred. One

thing Americans take pride in is our diversity and freedom of religion, so I think critics should stop and think before they make mindless attacks on the Muslim faith. Openly portraying anything about Allah or Mohammad is against the faith no matter what the context.

The Muslim people have every right to be able to worship freely

and not be bombarded with attacks from people such as Bacile and Pastor Jones.

However, I strongly agree with the statement U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton gave on the video: "It appears to have a deeply cynical purpose, to denigrate a great religion and to provoke rage. But, as I said yesterday, there is no justification, none at all, for responding to this video with violence."

The protesters directing this violence to Americans need to understand that this video was only one man employing his freedom of speech. The video is not supported or funded by the US government, and it does not reflect the views of the majority of Americans.

In a statement by Egyptian President Mohammad Morsi, he said he did not condone the violence. In a telephone call to President Obama, Morsi said, "We will be keen and we will not permit any such event, any such occurrence in our country against the embassy or its territories in the future."

I think that the U.S. has every right to take action against the innocent killings in the protests. Even though I strongly disagree with attacking Islamic faith, it is never right to take a life and we have a duty to protect all innocent people in the Middle East.

Quotes used in this article can be found at PBS.com.

## Video games should not be scapegoat for violence

For years concerned parents and interfering members of the government have asked an important question: "Can video games make children more prone to violence?" This question comes up

after every shooting or murder, most recently the shooting in Aurora, CO

**Catherine Beverly** at the premiere of the movie

"The Dark Knight Rises."

Some critics blame video games for desensitizing the "Batman" shooter to violence, while others even blame the movie itself. Lists of studies are cited by critics to support their claims: increased violence in teenagers who play video games, lower levels of empathy and even an association between aggression and arousal.

What the media rarely mentions are the articles depicting the other side of the case. For example, a 2007 study, in which 45 percent of boys told researchers that they played video games to release pent up aggression and 62 percent to relax. This could show a shift between rough play and video games, giving children another way to express their aggression.

While a 2000 FBI report lists playing video games as a behavior associated with shootings, the U.S. Secret Service reviewed school-based attacks in 2004 and found that as little as 1/8<sup>th</sup> of shooters were interested in violent video games.

More perpetrators were interested in violence in literature and their own writings.

Instead of attempting to draw a correlation between video games and increased violence, critics should consider that people who exhibit violent tendencies might be drawn to video games. Instead of creating violence, video games may just attract already aggressive children to them.

Another interesting fact supporting this opinion is that there has been a dramatic decrease in juvenile crimes as the sales of video games has quadrupled [arrest rates for juvenile murders fell almost 80 percent between 1995 and 2008].

If there are correlations between violence and video games, it is more likely that those individuals who are already prone to aggressive behavior and violence are finding a model in video games. This is not to say that banning violence in video games could help stop these unstable individuals because they only have to look to world news to be inspired to do horrific deeds.

So, if there was any correlation between the Aurora attacker and the movie, it was that he found inspiration from the character of Bane for his already twisted state of mind. Video games do not change perfectly reasonable human beings into mindless killers—it is more likely that they were already planning violent acts. Stop blaming violence in the media for the instability of a few people.

Statistics and information at: [www.videogames.procon.org](http://www.videogames.procon.org).

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## Time travel is still a future possibility

One day while driving around my town with my sister, she looked at me and said, "According to my physics teacher, time travel does not exist and could possibly never exist."

I listened to her reasoning that we would know about time travel already.

She proceeded to tell me how the time travelers would have already visited us and told us how to time travel. After listening to her, I then told her that, yes, it is indeed possible that time travel does exist.

I was reading Chapter 2 in *How to Think About Weird Things* for my social sciences class and became thoroughly fascinated with time travel and its odd possibility. In order to see into the future or to travel into the future, one must travel faster than the speed of light.

That is where tachyons come in. But, if one travels faster than the speed of light, they are ultimately transported into the past, and if one travels at the speed of light, they don't age. So basically, traveling into the future will never be possible. However, traveling into the past is logically possible because if one were to somehow travel faster than the speed of light, they would end up in the past!

Of course, most of my reasoning comes from movies, shows and books, but also from some form of logic. Time traveling does exist. The only reason we don't know about it is because these travelers would never speak to his or her past self or anyone else.

I draw this conclusion from the simple fact that time and space itself would ultimately be altered. We as humans will probably never really know if an event in history really has been altered because of a traveler, but there is the possibility.

Then, there is the possibility that there are alternate dimensions in which these travelers have created due to mishaps for one purpose or another. Furthermore, there is the possibility that an event could have been changed from an almost infinite amount of the same traveler transporting back to a specific moment to stop them from creating a new outcome in a situation.

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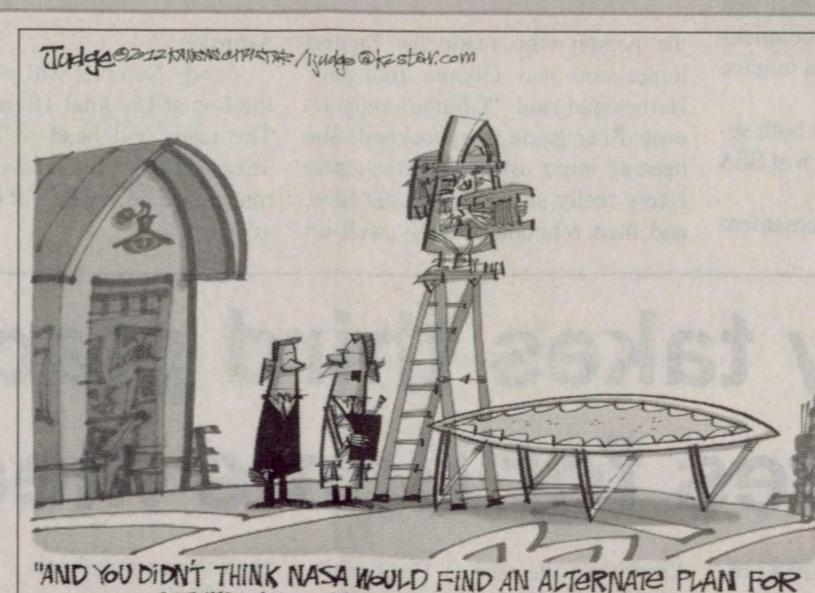




Photo by Gary Hardamon

Freshman Glyna Johnson blocks the spike from the opposing player. Johnson earned SFA Invitational honors.

## Lady Demons hitting full stride

**Andrea Nedorostova**  
Staff Reporter

Northwestern State volleyball team brought back to Natchitoches two players who were selected as SFA Chilly Fillmore's Invitational all-tournament team.

Freshman Glyna Johnson and sophomore Mackenzie Neely set their career records in kills in Saturday's matches.

The Lady Demons traveled to Nacogdoches, Texas where they challenged three different teams. On Friday night, the Lady Demons played their Southland Conference opener against Stephen F. Austin. Lady Demons started off well by winning the first set 25-15. Second, third and fourth sets belonged to well-prepared SFA.

"SFA was the hardest match," co-head coach Hugh Hernesman said. "They are good. They are a lot like us. They are pretty young and have some good players. Their gym is a really difficult place to play. It's a smaller gym, it's really loud and their crowd was crazy. I don't think we played our best against them but I think SFA had a lot to do with that, so they showed us some things we can work on. We probably need to work on being better when things get chaotic. When things get tough we need to make less errors and be more in control."

Saturday was a better day for

NSU. Lady Demons started off by beating Southern Miss 3-1 in the morning match. They continued by taking down Robert Morris 3-0 in the afternoon.

"I think probably the biggest thing for us was that we were able to bounce back on Saturday and get two wins," Hernesman said. "I think it really showed maturity. This team last year, I don't know if we would have been able to come back on Saturday and emotionally reinvest ourselves. That was probably the best thing for us that as a group mentally we were able to rebound well and play a brand new volleyball again."

The only senior on NSU team, Nicole Hajka, did not play this week, but she was supporting her younger teammates from the bench.

"I feel like the team needs to work on maybe having a little bit more focus and discipline," Hajka said. "The team needs to understand how the system is working, and we need to trust the coaches in what we are doing in the gym and off the court. It's gonna help us to be competitive and successful in the future."

"Two people stood up to me Glyna Johnson, which is our freshman middle, and Mackenzie Neely—our right side," Hajka said. "I feel that they were very aggressive, competitive, and it also led our team to have a very successful weekend."

Johnson and Neely were both selected as all-tournament team at SFA Invitational.

"I think over the whole tournament



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Sophomore Stacey DiFrancesco spikes the ball past a defender

the person who made the biggest impression was Glyna Johnson," Hernesman said. "Glyna really elevated her game this weekend. She became more offensive. Mackenzie Neely really struggled against SFA, and then rebounded really well on

Saturday."

Lady Demons will play against the Lamar Cardinal Thursday night. The team will head to Beaumont, Texas for the Southland Conference matchup. The match will begin at 7 p.m.

## Henderson nets Southland honors

Courtesy of Sports info:

While Northwestern State turned its focus to preparing for its home game Saturday evening against Mississippi Valley State, the Demons' final non-conference outing this season, senior quarterback Brad Henderson was a landslide winner Monday in voting for Southland Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors for his remarkable performance in a wild loss to Nevada.

The Demons (1-2) and Wolf Pack (2-1) combined for 1,240 offensive yards and 68 first downs as Nevada, aiming for its eighth straight bowl game and picked to finish second behind Boise State in the Mountain West Conference, held off Northwestern 45-34 last Saturday evening in Reno.

Henderson completed 28 of 53 passes for 357 yards and two touchdowns and added eight carries for 102 yards at Nevada. The senior from Starkville, Miss., and East Mississippi Community College posted the school's No. 2 single-game totals in passing yards (seven shy of Bobby Hebert's 1980 school record) and total offense (459, six yards shy of Hebert's outing in a 38-31 Turpin Stadium win over Texas-Arlington).

Henderson led Demons to their most total yards (585) since 2002, most first downs (31) since 1997 and five drives of more than 74 yards in their final six series of the shootout with the Wolf Pack.

He broke Don Guidry's 1968 single-game school pass attempts mark (by three), without throwing an interception, and had his first 100-yard

rushing game.

The performance came after NSU had struggled offensively in its first two games, averaging only 177.5 yards at Texas Tech and against Arkansas-Monticello.

"It was an opportunity to go out there and show my teammates what I can do and really give a spark to the offense," said Henderson. "The offense kind of struggled the first couple games and we were trying to figure out what we wanted to do and find a way to get a feel for each other. I think last week we all went out there and we all just played our game to see what each other could do. We just went out and played ball."

Henderson is excited about Saturday's 6 p.m. matchup with the Delta Devils (1-2), who shut out Southern 6-0 last Thursday.

"Funny thing is, I almost went there. My biggest statistical game came at East Mississippi was against Mississippi Delta in 2010. We were down 27-0 and we came back and beat them 42-27. I think I threw for 502 yards that game and that's when I first talked to MVSU. I thought about it and considered it, and now I think it's pretty neat I get a chance to play them," he said. "It will be fun since I am from Mississippi. I am excited my Mom gets to come and it is always exciting to play the hometown team."

In the other Southland award voting by sports information directors announced Monday, McNeese State junior cornerback Guy Morgan was named the defensive player of the week while Central Arkansas senior receiver Dezmin Lewis was named the special teams player of the week.

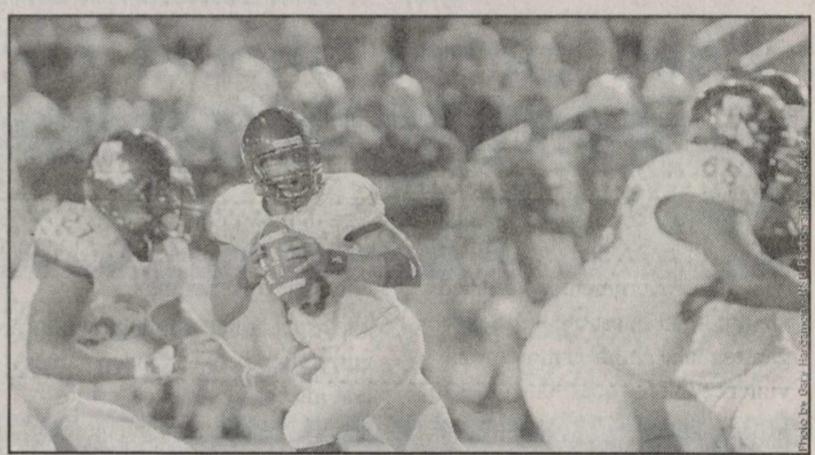


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Senior quarterback Brad Henderson drops back in the pocket. Henderson's performance against Nevada netted SLC honors

## Lady Demons shut out UAPB for second win of the weekend

**Brittany Russ**  
Sauce Reporter

Yanci Johnson and Ashlee Savona continued their hot streak Sunday afternoon helping the Northwestern State women's soccer team shutout Arkansas-Pine Bluff 5-0 in non-conference action.

Johnson scored her sixth goal of the season for the Lady Demons, (4-4) which is more than she scored her entire collegiate career. Savona scored her third goal on the young campaign which tied her 2010 and 2011 season highs.

Arkansas-Pine Bluff's record fell to 1-8 on the season.

"We need to build on the success of this weekend and use this as momentum," George van Linder said.

At the 34-minute mark, Johnson scored first on an assist from freshman Shelby Balmer then tallied her

own goal less than a minute later on a pass from Alex Rios to put NSU up 2-0 at half.

Rios scored an unassisted goal at the 54-minute mark before Savona took a pass from freshman Cassandra Briscoe and slipped it past the keeper for a goal.

Freshman Peyton Rector put in the final goal with less than a minute remaining on a pass from senior Marissa Lees.

"It was great to get a lot of contributions from different players today, and we're excited to have another shutout," said Van Linder.

Brooke Bourbonaise and Jessica Danku teamed up for the team's third consecutive shutout due in large part to the NSU defense which allowed only three shots the entire match.

The Lady Demons travel to Grambling on Friday for another non-conference match-up. Game time is slated for 3 p.m.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Yanci Johnson battles for the ball with a defender. Johnson has scored six goals this season.

## Cross Country takes third place overall, prepares for home meet

**Christopher Degeyter**  
Staff Reporter

The Demon Cross Country team looked strong as they competed in the Louisiana Tech Mook 4 Invitational.

The team ran the invitational as a practice and competed without a full team running. They still managed third overall in both the men's and women's races.

Leading for the men were Mitch Landry and Alex Hebert, finishing 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in the 6,400-meter race.

Their times were 20:14 and 20:43 respectively. Then came Jeremy Elliot, coming in 26<sup>th</sup> with 21:24.

Other Demon men's runners were Matt Rodell, John Broughton and Tammy Taylor also ran the women's race. They finished 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup>.

"It was good. Definitely an improvement from the last two meets," Hebert said. "It felt good, and everything went really well. Now we know that we're a team to beat."

The women's race was a 4,000-meter run. Sarah Emory, Karen Ellis and Alex Fontenot all ran strong. They finished sixth, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Accepting new members.

"Training-wise, we're in good shape, and only improving," Malloy said. "We need more runners."

Malloy said the reason he likes Cross Country so much is that anyone can improve.

He said he can work with anyone

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## Students, faculty find new building 'convenient'

Jessica Blow  
*Sauce Reporter*

**A**t the cost of roughly \$6.9 million, Northwestern State University's new Student Service Center is providing students convenient service in a central location.

The facility was funded by the State Capital Outlay. The Student Services Center opened June 18 with 34,000 square feet.

"It was a project that about started eight years ago," said Chuck Bourg director of Physical Plant Facilities, said. "The university wanted to have a place for the students to have a one-stop shop place."

The Student Services Building is located near the intersection of Caspari Street and Sam Sibley

Drive, the middle of campus. The building houses the Registrar, University Recruiting, Student Life and First Year Experience, Financial Aid, Dean of Students, Scholarships, and Veterans Affairs.

Reatha Cox, Director of Student Life and First Year Experience, has a new office on the first floor. Before her new location, she was located in the Student Union and South Hall before that which Cox said "were all itty bitty places."

Dr. Chris Maggio, Dean of Students and Provost for Student Life, believes the Student Service Center is in a better location because now students won't have to walk across campus for different offices.

The new building has given Cox and her students room



*Submitted Photo*  
**The new Student Services Center opened for students last June.**

to expand and work on their multiple projects. She works with many students from organizations such as Freshman Connection. Sometimes students would have to work outside of the

student union.

"It gives our student leaders an opportunity to work somewhere other than out in the middle of the hall or in the middle of the floor," Cox said.

"I think being in the center of the campus makes it easily accessible for students and the guests," Maggio said. "It brings a lot to our campus."

The building had to go through several approvals before construction began. The Student Services building was built with the help of about 60 to 80 employees from Monroe to Alexandria.

"It was a good project," Bourg said. "The project is still going on with the second phase of the building right beside it."

While building, Bourg faced some difficulties, but he

considered them minor ones.

Kerry Richman, sophomore business and administration major, believes the Student Services building is a good asset to the campus.

Even though she hasn't visited the building, she knows where to go if she has any problems about financial aid or school related issues.

"It's a good location because it's by the Student Union and intersection," Richman said. "It's good they're located all in one place."

JoAnna Bankston, a sophomore biology major, also agrees that the location of the building was a good choice.

"I have visited it once," Bankston said. "It's closer, and we don't have to walk far. It's easy to tell people where it is."

## NSU named a Military Friendly School

Camille Mosley  
*Sauce Reporter*

**F**or the third time, Northwestern has been named a military friendly school by Victory Media.

Victory Media's global media brands provide information that fits the needs of the military community.

The 2013 Military Friendly Schools list praises the top 15 percent of schools to ensure an education for military personnel and their families.

Lt. Col. William Macky Underwood, professor of military science and ROTC Battalion Commander, was not surprised by NSU's ranking.

"It's just basically confirmation of what we already knew," Underwood said. "We operate the ROTC program, of course, here at Natchitoches and at the campus there in Leesville."

"Our instructor down there actually shares an office with the military liaison officer there in

Leesville. We go down to Fort Polk every week and give briefings for every soldier and their family members. We go weekly to talk about scholarships, about programs that we have both at NSU and for the ROTC, so for us, this is just confirmation that we already knew that NSU was a military friendly institution for sure."

The rigorous process to be considered for the title includes extensive research and an unyielding survey of more than 12,000 VA-approved schools nationwide. The survey tabulation process, methodology and weightings that comprise the 2013 list were independently verified by Ernst and Young, LLP.

Each year, schools taking the survey are held to a higher standard than the previous year via improved methodology, criteria and weightings developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board consisting of educators from schools across the country.

Henry O'Dell, MS3 junior general studies and computer and natural science major, is studying for his masters in forensic biology.

O'Dell thinks the recognition is good for the veterans and the school.

"It's a big deal because there are a lot of veterans out there who are trying to go back to school, so this is definitely a big deal that they are trying to help out and support veterans," O'Dell said.

O'Dell, who was stationed at Fort Polk as an E5 medical commander said he chose NSU because it was an easy transition.

"Fort Polk is only an hour away, so it was easy to come here and talk to the recruiters and get whatever paperwork I needed," O'Dell said. "They helped out a lot with the paperwork, they're nice to us, and they're kind enough to show us what to do. They got the ball rolling."

O'Dell, who plans to go back to serving active duty after he graduates, thinks the ROTC program was a good opportunity for him.

"This really gave me a chance to get my education, to better my education, and a lot of self-development," O'Dell said.



*The 2013 list includes more than 1,700 schools that represent the top tier of U.S. colleges, universities and trade schools that educate America's veterans. Over 12,000 Victory Media approved schools vied for the title. These schools offer the appropriate services, programs, discounts, scholarships, networking and staff. This is the fourth year that "GI Jobs Magazine" is releasing its Military Friendly Schools list. Visit [militaryschools.com](http://militaryschools.com) for the complete 2013 list.*

## Radiologic sciences students score high on certification exam

Contessa Wills  
*Sauce Reporter*

**H**ow easy is it to obtain perfection? Ask a student enrolled in NSU's radiologic science program.

Graduating seniors have achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the American Registry of Radiology Technology Certification Exam.

This percent pass rate on their national exam has been earned three times in four years. Successfully

completing the exam is required in more than half of U.S. states to legally work as a radiographer.

"The students achieved this feat with careful planning," Kelli Haynes, director of undergraduate studies of radiologic science and associate professor.

In their final semester, students complete a registry review course for the actual exam.

Also, students take mock registries each month to identify any weaknesses, and then a study plan is formed to help the student.

In the 40 years since the first class of radiological science, then radiologic technology, graduated in 1972, the program has seen many changes.

"The curriculum has changed many times due to the profession's continual growth," Haynes said. "Things were once analog, but everything is now digital."

Radiologic science is a field that continues to grow as other professional fields downsize, Haynes thinks this is an incentive for students to choose this major.

"Radiologic science is a top 10 profession along with nursing," Haynes said. "This area continues to evolve and due to that, more people are needed to meet the need. About 99 percent of patients in hospitals are going to need x-rays and other exams as well."

In 2011, the job placement rate for radiologic science students was 100 percent. Students are on track to match that rate.

Although many universities offer a radiologic science program, Haynes identified factors that

separate NSU from others.

"First is NSU's reputation in the community," Haynes said.

"Also, our entire faculty is master's prepared. Other programs cannot say that. We have support of the university [as well]."

Haynes said the community for this program includes 22 clinical sites in Alexandria and Shreveport, where students complete hands-on training. Natchitoches does not have a site because the city only has one hospital.

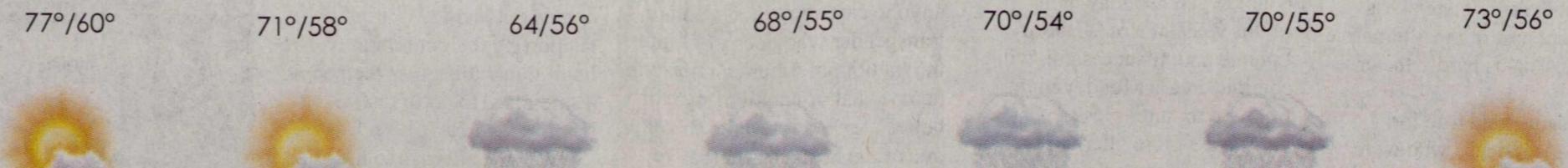
The program is primarily housed

in Shreveport and Alexandria, although students may complete the first three semesters of course work at the Natchitoches campus. Students who prefer this option maintain contact with Shreveport campus faculty through question and answer sessions.

During the fall semesters, Shreveport campus faculty are at the Natchitoches campus every Tuesday.

For more information on the radiologic science program, log onto [www.radiologicscience.nsula.edu](http://www.radiologicscience.nsula.edu).

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# Move over Facebook: Got OrgSync?

**Contessa Wills**  
Staff Writer

**A**re you a registered user of OrgSync? Do you know what it is?

OrgSync is a campus community website that assists in the certification and management of all RSO's.

Basically, OrgSync is a social media platform—similar to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn or Yammer—for campus organizations.

Yonna Pasch, director of student activities, organizations and leadership development, notes that although OrgSync is a social media network it is more beneficial to students than the others.

"OrgSync is not just for event promotion," Pasch said.

"It has more than 65 features including an e-portfolio and creates a co-curricular transcript for students. Also, it has a complete list of RSO's for students who wish to be involved."

OrgSync is authenticated and

protected by the server at Northwestern State University unlike other social media sites.

Pasch said the university began using OrgSync primarily to better communicate with organizations and certify organizations.

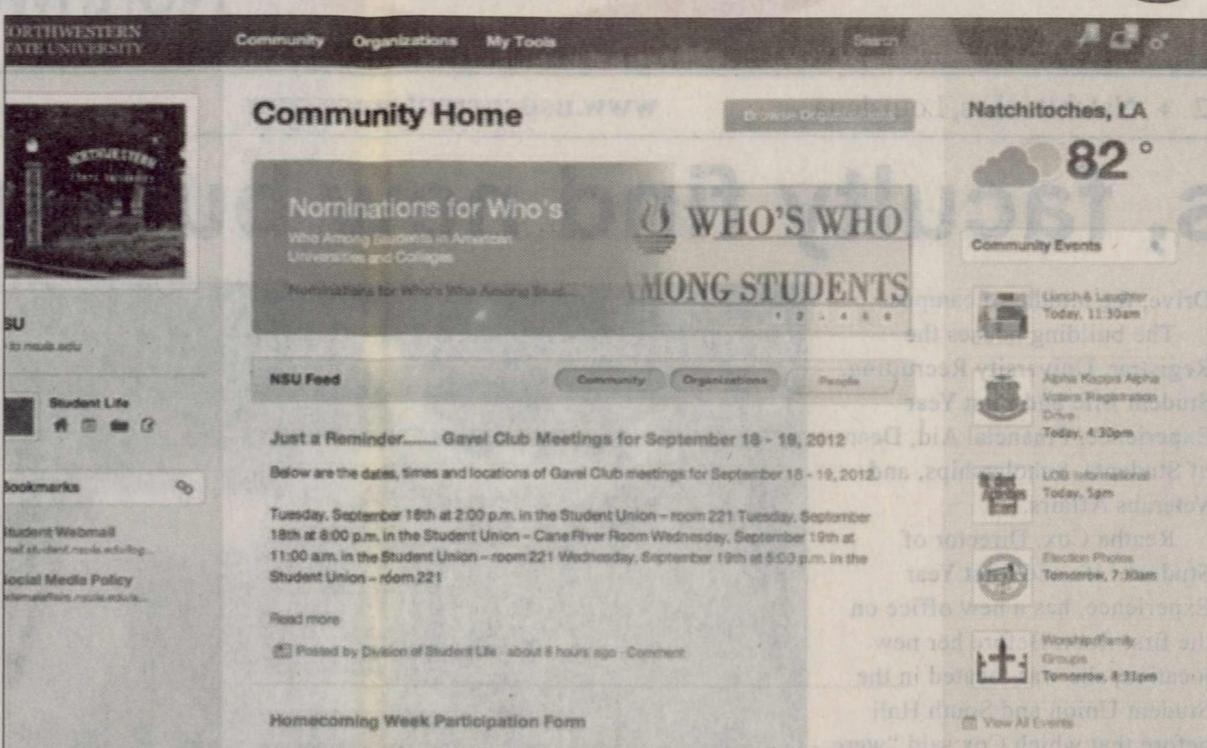
Because organizations must be certified annually, OrgSync makes this process quicker and more efficient. Also, this new digital approach allows the university to be green.

Users create a one-page profile containing all of their basic information.

They are then able to search for organizations that they may be interested in joining, receive updates on organizations and communicate with fellow students.

The process of joining an organization through this site is as simple as submitting one's reasons for desiring to join.

In most cases an administrator's approval is required to join. The potential member will be notified of their acceptance.



The NSU home page of OrgSync students see when they log onto the site, featuring community news and events.

According to Raven Maxile, Student Government Association vice President, OrgSync is a good source of communication and helps students, particularly the resume builder.

"You can link your websites for employers to view and also maintain a record of all of your campus involvement," Maxile said.

Randa Lopez, president of NSU's debate team, commented

on the pros and cons to using the site.

"For larger organizations, it is helpful," Lopez said. "The site has lots of features. You can keep all of the organization's information in one place and take polls. [However], for smaller organizations, it would be easier to text three people rather than logging in and sending out an e-mail."

According to Lopez, OrgSync is a more professional network for organizations than other social media platforms such as Facebook.

As of last week NSU had 2,321 individual users and 128 organizations registered on OrgSync.

Special interest groups constitute 44.2 percent of users. Sororities and fraternities are the second largest group at 19.4 percent, followed by honor societies at 9.3 percent and faith-based groups at 7 percent.

For more information on OrgSync, please visit [www.nsula.orgsync.com](http://www.nsula.orgsync.com).

## 'Cancer sucks' Up 'Til Dawn hosts awareness week

**Jessica Blow**  
Staff Writer

**U**p 'Til Dawn's, also known as UTP, annual cancer awareness week is being held this week, Sept. 24-27.

"UTP is a collegiate fundraising program for St. Jude Research Hospitals," Michael Stephenson, executive director of UTP, said.

"It has participated in over 100 campuses cross the United States."

According to Stephenson, UPT originated from a letter writing campaign where students and facilities stayed up until dawn to write letters to their family and friends to help raise money for St. Jude. The events held this week are also to help raise money and awareness.

"This year it's more geared towards awareness," Stephenson said. Because Stephenson thinks some events are overdone, like Chunk your Change, the preparation for UTP's cancer

awareness week began early summer.

"I always find it hard to come up with something different especially on this campus," Stephenson said. "It's so small."

It was hard to come up with the events, but everyone who was involved was willing to cooperate.

Stephenson said he has a good feeling about this series of events.

It's not only cancer awareness week for the campus, but it also for the city of Natchitoches.

"I always like to tie it to the community," Stephenson said. This year to connect with community, he contacted Orange Leaf.

According to Stephenson by the end of Monday night, UTP will collect 20 percent of Orange Leaf earnings made that day.

Stephenson favorite event of the week is the unveiling of this year's UTP theme. Trying not to reveal his theme, the only clue he was able to give was Yellow.

"I'm excited about it," he said,

even though, he feels the theme doesn't top last year's theme.

"We have raised \$88,000 so far, since we started on campus," Stephenson said.

This year he is raising the bar and hopes to raise \$100,000.

"I'm a cancer survivor," Britney Murphy said.

Murphy is a general studies major and social science minor graduating senior. This is her first time participating in UTP's cancer awareness week.

"I support Up 'Til Dawn because they help St. Jude and support children and families who are dealing with cancer," Murphy said. "I support St. Jude tremendously."

Murphy said she also supports UTP because it gives the campus a chance to get involved for a good cause.

The unveiling of UTP's 2012-2013 theme will be held at the Rock on campus at 6:30 p.m.

"I'm excited about it," he said,

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## Are alternative lifestyles the new normal?

**W**hat does the phrase "alternative lifestyle" mean to you? Many use these words to negatively associate what is different from the cultural norm (especially ultra-conservative politicians condemning same-sex marriage).

However, what has been deemed an alternative lifestyle has not been consistent throughout history.

At the beginning of the previous century, women who fought for the right to vote or even cut their hair and skirts short were part of the alternative lifestyle. This is hardly the case today.

The same held true for African-Americans who were a century ago identified as alternative to White America. With the influence of popular opinion and new laws, the

equitable embracement of different races became a cultural norm.

Over the last few decades, individuals who identified as anything other than heterosexual have been grouped together as an alternative lifestyle.

This became less true in the 21st century as we became more open about our sexual identities. However, as stated before, some still call a preference that's not heterosexual as alternative, giving it a negative connotation.

Many individuals in the LGBT community have responded to this by accepting and celebrating the altertness of their lifestyles.

For example, a Natchitoches called Alternative Lifestyle Night began Monday night of this week at Ron's Bikini Lounge and, if successful, will continue every Monday night from 9 p.m. until close.

What's more alternative than watching kings and queens of drag fabulously walk the stage at the stroke of midnight?

"My hopes for Alternative Lifestyle Night are that everyone



Submitted Photo  
RuPaul, an actor, model, author and widely known drag queen.

contemporary conditions, they are already beginning to become part of the norm.

In retrospect, one must realize that the term "alternative" is relative to what is normal. And there is a diversity of lifestyles for them to either be normal or not normal.

We should embrace the variety of lifestyles and characteristics that constitute our identities (whether we consider sexual orientation, gender, ethnicity or anything else).

Maybe a person with an alternative lifestyle is someone who rejects the undeniable diversity in our culture and strives to be normal.

comes out and has a blast while supporting their community. I'm hoping that this gives the people a safe place to go to just be themselves," Revolt said.

Will the alternative lifestyles of today become part of the social norm?

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# Demons destroy Delta Devils, 45-14

Chris Degeyter  
Staff Reporter

The Demons dominated the Mississippi Valley State Delta Devils this Saturday at Turpin Stadium, 45-14.

Bouncing back from a narrow loss in Nevada to the Nevada WolfPack, the Demon football team is now 2-2 while Mississippi Valley State drops to 1-3.

The Demons unleashed an offensive torrent on the Delta Devils, with 161 total yards on the ground and 169 yards through the air.

The explosive running attack was led by Junior running back Rumeall Morris, who rushed for 69 yards with one touchdown on five carries.

He was also able to show off his throwing ability on a trick play that resulted in Morris throwing a 42-yard pass down the field.

Morris said the coaches' stress on finishing the game strong is what helped the Demons win in the end. Morris was aided in the Demons' ground attack by six other runners in the game, showing off the team's deep roster and talent.

"They all do different things, and we try to get our package to where our guys will do best," Demon assistant coach and offensive coordinator Todd Cooley said. "We try to set it by what they do."

Senior quarterback Brad Henderson had a spectacular game as well, completing 19 passes on 25 attempts for 127 yards. Henderson threw three touchdown passes in the game with no interceptions and was only



Receiver Phillip Harvey takes a kick off to the endzone. He was hit illegally earlier in the game when he tried to fair catch the ball.

sacked twice for a total loss of only seven yards.

And the Demons' offensive onslaught even carried over into special teams. Senior wide receiver Phillip Harvey returned a kickoff from the Demons' 3-yard line for the longest kickoff return touchdown in Demon history since 1970, and the third longest Demon return of all time.

Defensively, the Demons only al-

lowed a single offensive touchdown all game, and held the Delta Devils to 241 total offensive yards in the process.

The Delta Devils' other touchdown came early in the first quarter on a 23-yard returned fumble by Henderson. However, according to senior safety Jamaal White, that touchdown is what sparked Harvey's kickoff return touchdown, which

came immediately after the fumble return touchdown.

"It wasn't beautiful, but it was a great win. I thought we won the game in all three phases," Demon head coach Bradley Peveto said. "Do we have some things to clean up? Yes we do, but it's a win. We'll take it. It's a good win for our football team."

This Saturday the Demons head to

Lake Charles to take on the McNeese State Cowboys to start Southland Conference play.

The Cowboys are 3-1 as the Demons head to Lake Charles, and are coming off of a shocking upset by the Southeastern State University Lions.

The Demons are looking to take the momentum from this win and crush the demoralized Cowboys to start conference play with a victory.

## Upcoming Games

NORTHWESTERN STATE	
<b>Southland Conference</b>	
vs. McNeese	Sept. 29
<b>vs. Lamar</b>	Oct. 6
vs. Southeastern	Oct. 13
<b>vs. Nicholls</b>	Oct. 27
vs. UCA	Nov. 3
<b>vs. Sam Houston</b>	Nov. 10
vs Stephen F.	Nov. 17

\*bold denotes home games



## Lady Demons volleyball off to record breaking start



Keelie Arneson stops a score from the opposing team. She is the SLC Defensive Player of the Week.

### Courtesy of Sports Info

With an overall record of 11-5 and a Southland Conference record of 3-1, the Northwestern State volleyball team is off to the best start in the program's Division I history heading into a pair of important home matches Thursday and Saturday.

"It is hard to describe what this improvement means as a coach," said NSU co-head coach Hugh Hernesman. "It is great for our volleyball program and it is great for the athletic department because I think it shows that we can get it done here."

The Lady Demons are coming off an outstanding week when they took down conference foes Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Lamar and McNeese State. They will face the two preseason favorites for the 2012 conference title, Central Arkansas Thursday night at 7 and newcomer Oral Roberts Saturday at 2 in Prather Coliseum.

Last Thursday's win over Lamar marked NSU's first victory over the Lady Cardinals since 2005 and their defeat of McNeese last Saturday put their winning streak at five matches. The records overall and in Southland play are the program's best at this stage of the season since Northwestern became an NCAA Division I school in 1977.

"Something that I've learned is not to look too far ahead and not to start counting wins," said Hernesman. "It's too hard to tell how various factors will play out so we just try to focus on each match."

Starting five sophomores and two freshmen, the Lady Demons are currently tied with Central Arkansas for second place in the conference standings. They trail Stephen F. Austin by one win. SFA handed Northwestern its lone conference loss.

"I think this is a huge season for us," said NSU sophomore Tamara Hanna. "Last year we were so young with nine freshmen and I think that we really gained a lot of experience because we had to mature as volleyball players pretty quickly."

Hernesman also attributes much of the team's success to a more developed maturity and consistency.

"Last year we felt that, with such a young group, there would be a lot of inconsistency and there was. This year we are a lot more consistent."

"Our experienced players continue to improve and the new faces, more specifically Glynna Johnson, Amanda Kunz and Caiti O'Connell have allowed us to play with more size and more physicality."

O'Connell led the Lady Demons in their last three matches, registering 43 kills overall, 19 of which came in NSU's five-set stunner against Lamar.

Southland Conference Defensive Player of the Week Keelie Arneson has also helped set the pace for Northwestern State. Arneson has dug up 285 balls so far this season, including a season-high 29 against Lamar.

The team has players ranked in the top 10 in the Southland in five out of six categories including hitting per-

centage, kills, assists, digs and aces. Johnson is currently eighth in hitting percentage at .308 and Emily Sweet stands at sixth for assists per set at 9.76.

Stacey DiFrancesco and Mackenzie Neely rank fourth and seventh for average kills with 3.23 and 2.91 per set, respectively.

Arneson, Neely and DiFrancesco have all had impressive serving performances, ranking fifth (0.42/set), seventh (0.36/set) and 10th (0.33/set) in average aces.

Arneson also ranks second for digs, averaging 4.83 per set.

"I really think a lot of our success so far has to do with Coach Hugh and Coach Steph (Hernesman, co-head coach) reminding us to keep a vision," said Hanna. "It's great to see all of our hard work pay off so far. We are really focused on getting to the conference tournament and succeeding there."

"This year has been incredible so far," said Lady Demon junior Jessica Gutierrez.

"That we have been able to achieve this just shows what the program is really capable of and where it is going."

NSU hopes to continue the hot streak as they take on the top two conference preseason favorites later this week.

"The Southland Conference has become very competitive in the past few years," said Hernesman. "We have started off really strong but there are still a lot of matches left to be played."

### Upcoming Games

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Jarred Roberts  
Sauce Reporter

**K**NWD the Demon is back on air with a new transmitter, new directors and new DJs.

Most of the previous semester the radio station was off-air due to lack of equipment, but this new semester comes with new equipment, new radio artists and new management including general manager Tara Luck.

In addition to the hosts and street team, there have been several other new positions filled at KNWD: Richard Sharp, public relations manager; Dillon Roy, programming director; Matt Dean, music director; Taylor Furr, promotional director.

With over 30 new DJs and 23 new shows going on air this month, Luck, a fifth year liberal arts major, has had her hands full getting everything up and running. The new shows cover rock, hip-hop, top 40, indie, world music and more.

Luck took it on herself to train all 40 prospective radio hosts earlier this month.

"I felt like it was my responsibility to train the students because they are the voice of KNWD," Luck said. "Training is really good. I took radio artists in small groups and walked them through how to do simple processes on the sound board."

Luck still has a few more plans in store for KNWD stating that her goal was to have every hour from 8am to 6 pm full of DJ's. Online streaming is also planned for the



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*There will be 30 new DJs and 23 new shows to air this month.*

spring semester as well as getting KNWD onto radio applications such as iHeartRadio.

Any students who may have

missed their chance to become part of the KNWD can still participate.

"Even if there is no room for the show they can apply next semester,

and there is a street team," Luck said. "They help promote."

Anyone who has turned on 91.7 has most likely heard one of Furr's many ads that have been running recently. Furr's work as promotional director includes creating the station liners and his personal adds and handling all audio advertising.

Any other advertising such as public events and social media goes to Richard Sharp in public relations. Furr has created at least 23 different commercials and has several more planned out.

Furr doesn't set aside time for planning. He just works with what enters his mind.

"Aww to heck with it. I'll just try it and see how it goes," Furr said.

Furr also doubles as one of the

radio hosts at KNWD. As early as last semester he was running a show titled "Game Tracks," where he plays sound tracks from a large collection of different video games. Furr went off air because of the transmitter.

Despite the new transmitter he has not returned due to the station only being able to broadcast in mono, which decreases the quality of his mainly orchestral songs.

When they are able to broadcast in stereo Furr plans to bring back "Game Tracks."

Most shows should begin airing before the end of the month. A schedule of shows will be put up in the first floor of Kyser and on KNWD's Facebook page.

Be sure to tune into KNWD the Demon on 91.7 FM.

## Students elect the 2012 Homecoming Court

Names of new SGA freshman senators, SAB representatives are released

Contessa Wills  
Sauce Reporter

**L**ast Thursday NSU students voted for SAB Representatives, Freshman Class Senators, Homecoming Court, and Mr. & Miss NSU.

Kiley Louviere and Afton Owens have the honor of being crowned King and Queen of the Court. There will be a second election for Mr. & Miss NSU due to an appeal.

Elections were conducted online, but in the past students had submitted paper ballots. By taking a digital approach, the university was able to calculate votes quicker and more efficiently. Also, the university was able to uphold its green initiative.

Damian Glover, a freshman secondary education major, is one of 14 students to be elected to the Student Activities Board. SAB is responsible for providing entertaining programs for students at NSU.

Glover wanted to be a member of SAB to give back to NSU and start making a name for himself among the Natchitoches community. A member of Helping Hands and Up 'til Dawn, Glover encourages all students to become involved in at least one organization

during their college career. In addition to building one's resume, being a student leader provides "great people skills, teaches patience, leadership and how to work with a team," Glover said.

As a member of SAB Glover hopes to become a better leader and meet new people. Currently, SAB has a total of five standing committees that students can join which are Freshman Connector, Lady of the Bracelet, Lagniappe, Public Relations & Advertising and Service Learning.

Victoria Hippler, a junior, was nominated to the Homecoming Honor Court. She thinks that it is an honor and humbling to be nominated to be nominated by her peers, especially among those who she has admired since coming to NSU.

"Being a part of so many organizations allows me to meet so many people," Hippler said. "Being nominated proves that hard work does pay off."

Hippler believes that Afton Owens possesses all of the qualities that Homecoming Queen should have. "Our Homecoming Queen should be outgoing and a good representation of Northwestern," Hippler said. "She should be the ideal woman. That is Afton."

### Election Results

#### Homecoming Female Court

Afton Owens

Anna Gasperecz

Ashley Haynes

Victoria Hippler

Brittany Jeanice

Danielle Landry

Jessica Ratelle

Tori Sanford

Brandi Vincent

Lauren Waguespack

Robin Wilder

#### Homecoming Male Court

Demarcus Horton

Derrick Houston

CJ Johnson

Kelly Louviere

Solomon Matthews

Austin McCann

Ryan Owens

Kiley Louviere

Jake Bryan

Darrell Favis

Jacob Carter

#### Freshman Class Senators

Chantasia Grey

Bria Williams

#### SAB Representatives

Sarah Baggett

Rachel Belton

Paxton Britt

Jasmine Brown

Warren "Drew" Crawford

Damian Glover

Robert Guidry

Jalicia Hamilton

Courtney Matthews

Leanny Munoz

Katlyn Peavy

Ashley Perkins

Hailey Warner

Cody Whitaker

#### National News



**Race tightening up in Ohio:** According to a CNN/ORC International poll (PDF), 51 percent of likely voters in Ohio say they're backing President Barack Obama, with 47 percent supporting Republican nominee Mitt Romney. Obama's four-point advantage is within the poll's sampling error.

**Florida man falls dead after winning roach-eating contest:**

A 32-year-old man downed dozens of roaches and worms to win a python at a Florida reptile store, then collapsed and died outside minutes later.

**Youtube moves to be Web's cable provider:**

Last October, YouTube announced 100 new channels, featuring everything including sports, comedy and educational videos. On Monday, it announced plans for another 40, with an international bent that includes channels from France, Germany and the United Kingdom.

**7 days as meningitis outbreak grows:**

The total number of cases has also grown to 64 people in nine states, the CDC said. That is 17 more cases and two more states than the day before.

**Connecticut teacher mistakenly kills son after neighbor reports robber:**

A Connecticut grade-school teacher accidentally shot his 15-year-old son during what he apparently thought was the attempted robbery of a neighbor's house, police said Friday.

*Due to an appeal, there will be another Mr. and Miss NSU election to be held at a later date.*

## School of Business to host 46th Annual J. Walter Poster

Courtesy of News Bureau

**N**orthwestern State University's School of Business will sponsor the 46th annual J. Walter Poster Forum Thursday, Oct. 11. The focus of this year's program is "Economic and Community Development" with discussions on how government officials and

business professionals promote civic engagement, cultivate entrepreneurship and support a healthy city, state and region.

Featured speakers will be Donna Isaacs, Hyram Copeland and Tony Davis. The Poster Forum will begin at 8:15 a.m. in Room 107 of Russell Hall and will conclude with a luncheon at 11:45 a.m.

Isaacs is president of Coco-

Green, a consulting firm dedicated to community education, advocacy and rehabilitation with a focus on improving the health and well-being of residents while saving money. She will speak at 9:30 a.m.

Davis is executive director of the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce, a real estate broker and licensed residential contractor. He serves on several local civic and philanthropic boards, including the board of directors for the Louisiana Association of Chamber of Com-

merce Executives. He will speak at 11 a.m.

The J. Walter Poster forum is an effort to translate the textbook into practice by bringing capable, successful business executives to campus to speak on selected topics in their area of expertise. The forum is made possible by the endowment established by the family and friends of the late J. Walter Por-

ter. Porter was interested in improving the image of business as a career field for college students.

For more information, contact Dr. Margaret Kilcoyne, director of the School of Business at Northwestern State at (318) 357-5715, e-mail [kilcoyne@nsula.edu](mailto:kilcoyne@nsula.edu) or visit [business.nsula.edu/j-walter-poster-forum](http://business.nsula.edu/j-walter-poster-forum).

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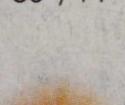
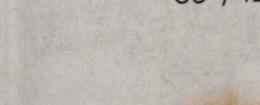
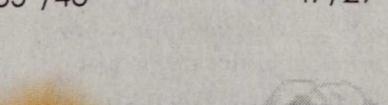
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# Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority encourages students to vote

Alexis Reliford  
Life Editor

**W**ith the 2012 Presidential Election growing near, more and more students find themselves preparing to cast their vote.

Although every student eligible to vote is not registered, one organization is taking a stand to help more students exercising their American right to vote, are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

According to the Eta Chi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha President Gabrielle LaCabe, the organization has registered over 200 students to vote at NSU this semester.

The sorority's goal number of registrants was 400.

LaCabe also noted that the majority of students registering to vote for the first time were

freshmen, while upperclassmen just needed to change their voting location to Natchitoches.

"We even had adult workers around the school register to vote for the first time," LaCabe said.

Students were able to get registered and chat with members about the election every Tuesday at tables set up in the Student Union Lobby and Iberville Cafeteria.

According to LaCabe and fellow sorority member, senior Briona Hamilton, the idea to host voter registration drives came from an Alpha Kappa Alpha conference the chapter attended in early August.

"Sorors from Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas talked about their political experiences and about their participation in voting marches during a time when some people weren't allowed to vote," Hamilton said.



Photo by Alexis Reliford  
Eta Chi chapter President Gabrielle LaCabe helps student Tray Cooper register to vote at the sorority's voter registration drive.

"From there our interest grew."

Besides just hosting the registration drives, the sorority also

encouraged students to watch the Democratic and Republican National Conventions, by posting the video links from YouTube to

their chapter Twitter page.

The chapter also took an active part in the online discussion during the first presidential debate.

According to the sorority, as young Americans pursuing degrees and entering the real world, students must stay updated on what's happening in their communities.

"We are the future," the chapter members tweeted.

According to the sorority, since the registration deadline has passed, it is important to actually go out and vote.

Presidential Election Day is Nov. 6 2012 where students can join in casting their votes.

"You can't complain about something if you don't do anything about it," LaCabe said.

"Your way to do something about it is to vote."

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# An ode to the cosmopolitan lifestyle

**I**t is a widely regarded truth that Natchitoches is anything but urban.



There are **Jacob Labutka**, Style Columnist

no shopping malls or Aveda spas and the tallest structure in town is Prather Coliseum. Carrie Bradshaw would find it impossible to procure the latest Prada bag and find a paper willing to publish her column "Sex and the City."

Despite the fact that we are certainly not in Manhattan, we can still attempt to bring the cosmopolitan lifestyle to us.

I won't rant on the do's and do not's of urban fashion (you can refer to my column last semester if that is what you wish).

I only insist that if you want to exceed expectations of a small-town wardrobe then don't stop looking at the mirror until a vibrant you reflects back.

However, many of you I see around campus are far past this stage and have creative styles for which I applaud you.

Spending your time in a cosmopolitan way also requires a certain management of time.

Those who live in large cities feel the need to escape from the crowd whereas those, like us, in a small town need to escape from isolation.

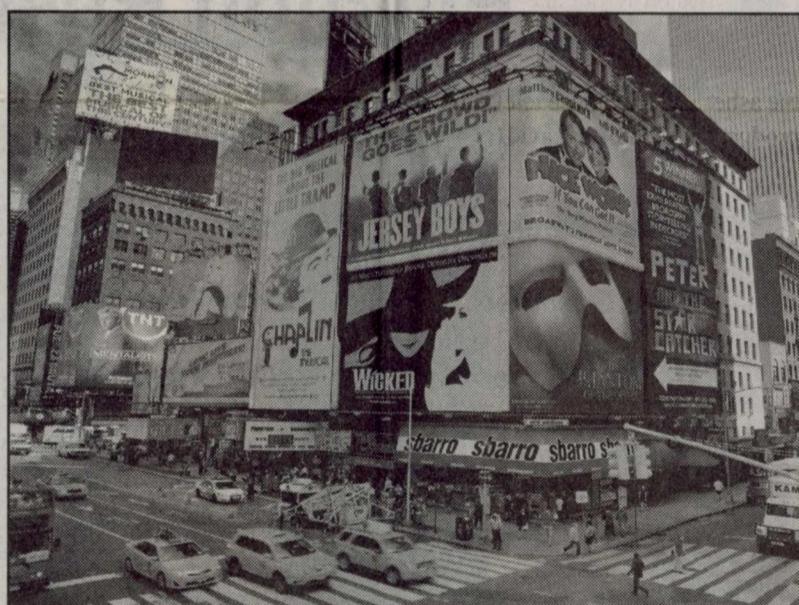
Everyone, cosmopolitan or not, should have a comfortable balance between "me" time and "we" time.

The word cosmopolitan also implies more than just a trendy, urban lifestyle. Part of the urban experience is the diversity of different personalities that constitute its social landscape.

Case in point, this lifestyle means recognizing the importance of multiculturalism.

There are no airports here flying in from Malaysia, but we do have the internet to virtually explore there.

I'm not saying you have to be



A city known for housing the cosmopolitan lifestyle, New York City.

interested in Malaysia (though I greatly admire the architecture of the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur).

I am saying that being aware of international affairs and trends will make you one savvy character. The world of

politics extends far beyond the American sphere (even though many politicians do not seem to think so).

Another way to explore other cultures is to attempt to cook as they do.

Host a dinner party with

friends where you (or one of your friends that actually knows how to cook) make a foreign delicacy. For example, one of my good friends has introduced me to the wonders of Indian food with such dishes as laddu (a ball-shaped sweet) and Indian noodles.

Everything I have mentioned thus far will not necessarily transform you into a cosmopolitan superhuman. In fact, many of the ideas I listed are not uniquely cosmopolitan and make sense to incorporate into your life regardless of geographical location.

Overall, I merely serve to inform my readers of cosmopolitan ideas so you may incorporate them into your own fabulously unique lifestyles.

Perhaps one day when some of us flock to the city, Manhattan debutants will have nothing on our creative personas who blossomed where it was not thought possible.



## Did You Know?

**T**hat October is National Pizza Month? According to Pizza.com, America's favorite greasy dough has its own national month.

First observed in the United States during 1984 (although many people incorrectly claim it was 1987), October was designated as National Pizza Month by Gerry Durnell, the founder of "Pizza Today Magazine," who chose that month because the first issue of his magazine debuted in October of that year.

# Students smile for Fall

want to wear," Hawkins said. Fall's scenery and leaves also please them.

"The colors, I love the colors," Thiels said. The only thing about the leaves he doesn't like is raking them.

During the fall leaves on many trees die and fall to the ground. About 500 years ago, when Middle English was spoken, expressions like "fall of the leaf" and "fall of the year" were quite common and this is where the season name "fall" comes from according to www.examiner.com.

Hawkins and Bradley like the start of football season while Thiels feels indifferent about football.

"I like the Boogie on the Bricks and Meatpie Festival," Hawkins said. Natchitoches hosts many fall festivals and events, such as Fall Pilgrimage/Tour of Homes, Opening of Festival

of Lights, Meatpie Festival and Natchitoches Parish Fair.

A few holidays are celebrated in the fall, but the popular holidays are Halloween and Thanksgiving. Bradley, Hawkins and Thiels said that their favorite fall holiday is Thanksgiving. They all agreed that food was the best part.

"It's a time to give thanks, and I love to eat," Bradley said. Thiels said he likes Thanksgiving because it's a week-long break from school, and he gets to go home. In the fall time is set back an hour making the nights longer.

"I don't like the time change," Thiels said. Hawkins also doesn't like the time change, but Bradley likes it. She likes the longer night. She gets to sleep longer.

"It's the season of my birthday," Hawkins said.

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# Opinions

## Voter cynicism caused by Electoral College system

**S**omething that has bothered me recently is the system of voting in America. As the election nears, friends and family advertise their favorite candidates and remind you: "Vote, vote, vote!"



**Catherine Beverly** people are Opinions Editor pressured to make decisions with a weight on their shoulders like they actually matter in the long run.

I know this sounds cynical, but the way the system works makes it unlikely that any one small movement of voters will shake Louisiana from what it already is: a red state.

This is not an article aimed at swaying voters. It is about the voting itself. If there was a major overhaul of the electoral system,

maybe we would make a difference in our own elections, but there has not been talk of fixing these flaws.

To understand what I mean, you have to know how the Electoral College works. The Electoral College is a compromise between popular vote and the vote of Congress.

Each state is given one electoral vote for every member in the House of Representatives and two votes for the Senators. The Electoral College has 538 members and a majority, 270 votes, is needed to elect a President.

On a state level, you see some of the hypocrisy of this system of democracy. Let us say Louisiana is split almost halfway: 58 percent red (Republican) to 42 percent blue (Democrat). Instead of allotting some members to vote for the Republican candidate and some for the Democratic candidate, all electoral votes would go to the Republican candidate.

This may seem fine, but the situation is surely reversed in other

states. In Louisiana, this means nearly 2 million voters have just been disregarded. That is shameful.

Although some states (Maine and Nebraska) have improvised by implementing a "proportional

representation" system for their own votes.

The Electoral College system



A photo of designated electoral votes for each state. For more information on voting and the Electoral College, please visit: [www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Voting.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Voting.shtml)

caused much controversy in the 2000 presidential race of Al Gore versus George Bush. Gore had the popular vote, but lost due to Bush's electoral votes.

This close call shows how a small percentage of American voters, can actually make a difference. The "winner-take-all" attitude of our current system makes me lose any enthusiasm I may have had about voting. I will say that I am a proponent of Obama, which means my vote will probably go uncounted in this election.

I will not stop trying, but I am more interested in seeing a revamp in our archaic system. Remnants of a society still on the edge of aristocracy, such as the Electoral College, have no place in a democratic society.

I am definitely for some sort of check and balance system to dissuade against an uninformed public, which was the original fear of the founders of this system, but we must vote as a nation if we are to be a nation.

## Is television making us stupid?

**L**ike most of my peers, I am addicted to reality television. Last weekend, I splurged and caught up on all of the "Housewives" that I've missed over the past couple of weeks. After watching "The Real Housewives of New Jersey Reunion" part one and "The Real Housewives of New York" season finale, I found myself asking Twitter, "Why am I watching these shows?"



**Camille Mosley**  
Freshman Scholar

either.

What is the point in watching a bunch of 16-18 year olds have kids they can't take care of? I could have stayed in high school—even junior high!—if I wanted to see that drama. The phrase that Andy Warhol coined, "15 minutes of fame," has been taken to the next level. Seriously. It's now 30 minutes to an hour of fame every week.

Then to go and make spinoffs of these morons' lives is utterly ridiculous. Whatever happened to good shows such as "The Nanny" or "Golden Girls"? How about the "Rugrats," "Hey Arnold," "Johnny Bravo" or even "Dexter's Laboratory?" Heck, even

the old Disney Channel with "Even Stevens," "Smart Guy," "Boy Meets Girl," and "Sister Sister?"

Now, all of these new television shows—cartoon, reality, sitcom, or whatever the hell the new Disney Channel calls their shows—teaches children that is okay to be stupid. Even the History Channel has stooped to new lows with reruns and focuses on shows like "Ancient Aliens" and "Monster Quest."

Someone needs to rise up from the ashes and slay those television producers. As a former avid television watcher, I hate to turn on my television because I know there will be nothing good on. I will have to sit through commercial after commercial and rerun after rerun of the same stupidity that is helping the rest of the world hate America.

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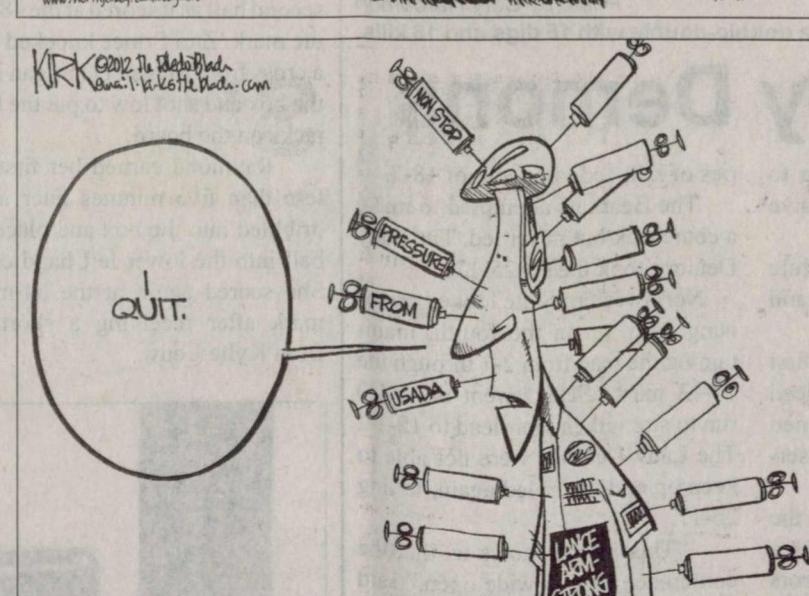
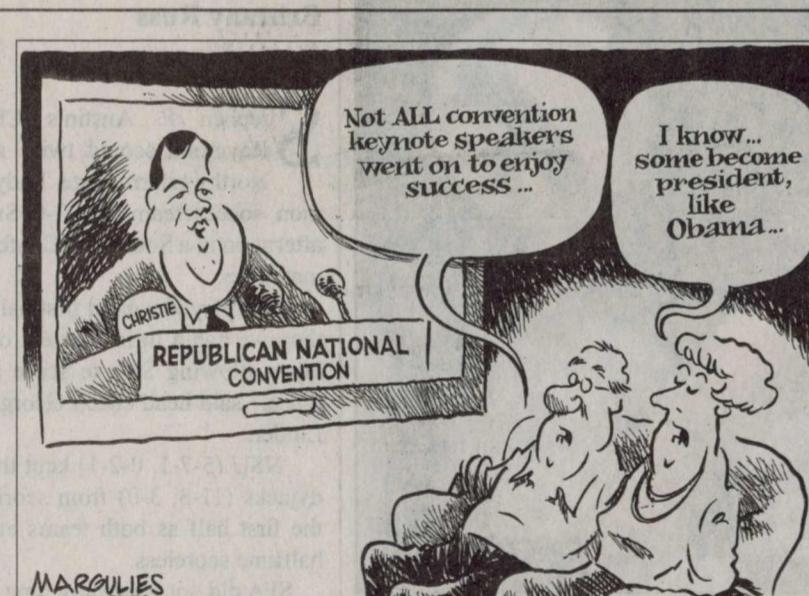
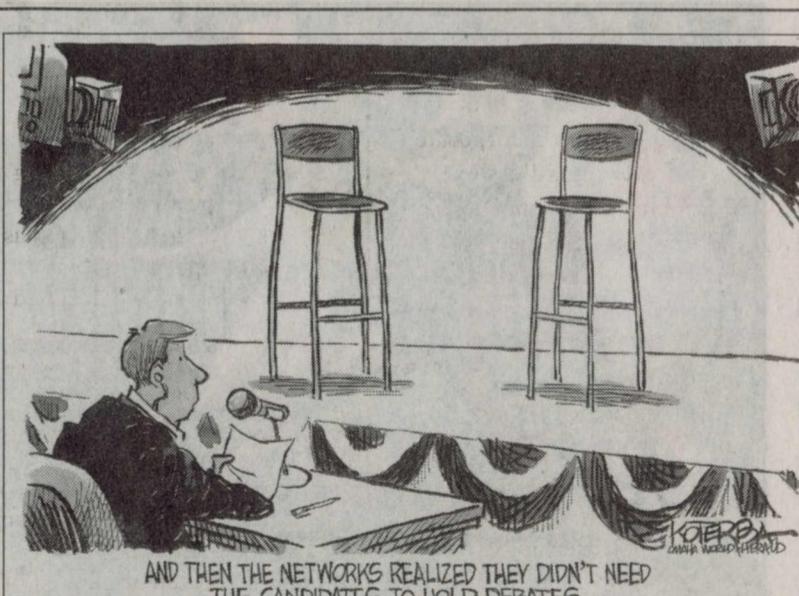
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### Super Crossword Answers

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# Demons clip Cardinals 30-23

**Chris Degeyter**  
Staff Reporter

The Demon football team advanced to 3-3 and showcased a rushing attack Saturday night with a 30-23 victory over conference rival Lamar.

The win puts the Demons at 1-1 in Southland Conference play while dropping the Cardinals to 2-4 overall and 0-2 in conference.

A solid defensive effort throughout the night helped the Demons ward off the Cardinals, holding Lamar to 285 yards, with 78 of those yards from a final drive at the end of the game. Before that final drive, Lamar had only 207 total yards against the Demons.

The Demons defensive effort also tallied five sacks after getting only four in the last five weeks, including one from junior defensive lineman Lesley Deamer that forced a fumble on the Cardinals' five-yard line. That fumble resulted in an eventual Demon touchdown.

"We watched a lot of film, and our coaches really put us in a great position to make plays," Deamer said. "We've been working hard."

Deamer's forced fumble was just one of four turnovers from the Cardinals.

Meanwhile on offense the Demons totaled 310 yards, with 206 yards on the ground.

The Demons strong effort was led by senior wide receiver Phillip Harvey, who succeeded at whatever offensive play the Demons needed him to make. Harvey ran for 84 yards and a touchdown on 7 attempts as a quarterback in the wildcat formation while receiving for 16 yards in three catches. Harvey also returned only two punts for 71 yards and a kickoff for 16 yards.

"I just saw my offensive line winning, and when they win, we score," Harvey said.



Photos by Gary Hardamon

**Receiver Phillip Harvey breaks into open space against the Lamar Cardinals. NSU beat the Cardinals, 30-23. Lineman Lesley Deamer forces a fumble to seal the win for the Demons.**

On the other side of the running game, junior running back Robert Walker rushed for 103 yards and a touchdown in 23 carries.

Walker said he gives the credit to the offensive line and his coaches for the strong day offensively. Walker said he just tried to go in and do his best to help his team win.

Demon quarterback, senior Brad Henderson, seemed to be the only Demon "having a bad day," managing to complete only 11 of 24 passes with one interception, but in those

11 completed passes he still reached 104 yards with one touchdown pass.

"I think it was a great team win, I really do," Demon head coach Bradley Peveto said. "I thought our guys did a great job executing our plans. I thought we really minimized the big plays. We made them earn it."

The Demons now look toward Hammond as they prepare for their next game on the road against the Southeastern Lions.

The Demons are 2-4 overall and coming off of a non-conference loss,

but they have proven that they can win when it matters.

The Lions are 2-0 in Southland Conference play, and currently lead the division as the only team undefeated in the conference.

The Demons are currently 0-3 in away games and are buckling down to focus on practice in order to try to overcome the undefeated conference rival Lions.

Demons will play Southeastern Lions this Saturday at Strawberry Stadium in Hammond at 3 p.m.

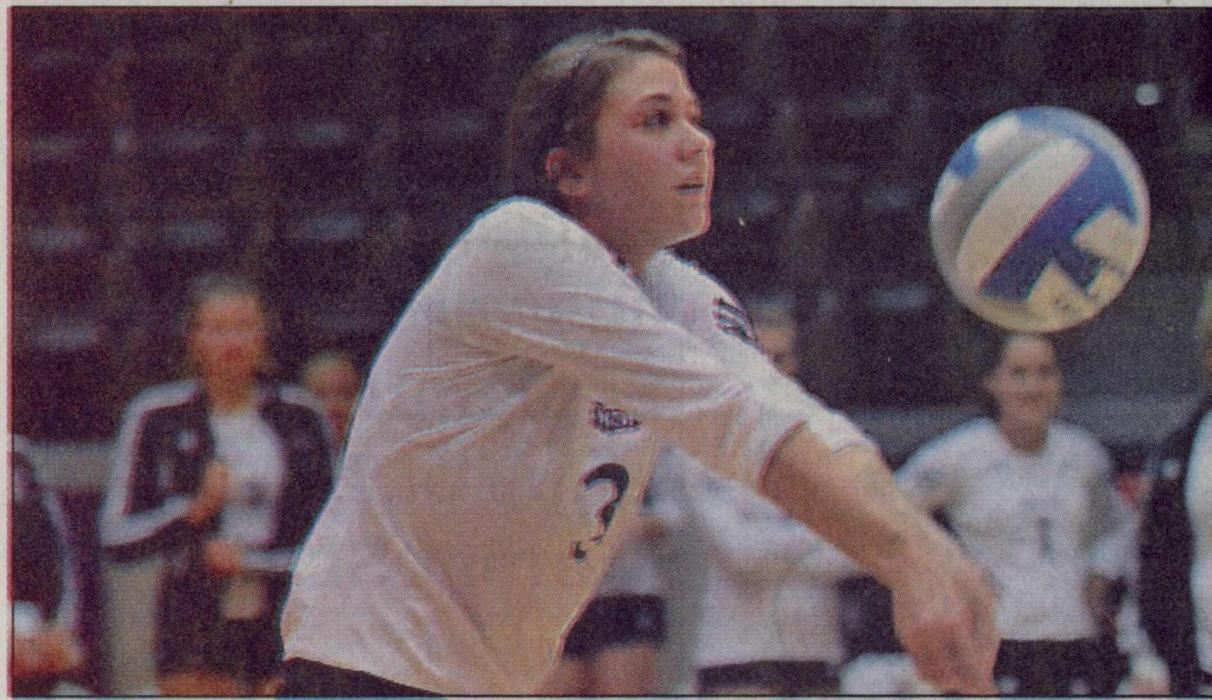


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**Stacey DiFrancesco stops a score from SHS. DiFrancesco recorded a double-double with 16 digs and 16 kills.**

## Bearkats claw Lady Demons

Courtesy of Sports Info:

**S**tacey DiFrancesco and Kelly Jimenez had great performances for the Northwestern State volleyball team but their efforts fell short as the Lady Demons lost to Sam Houston State on Saturday afternoon at Johnson Coliseum.

The 19-25, 19-25, 25-17, 17-25 loss lowers NSU to 12-8 overall and 4-4 in Southland Conference action. The Bearkats improve to 10-9, 6-2.

"Sam Houston did a great job of pressuring us from the service line," said NSU co-head coach Hugh Hernesman. "Our passing was not quite what it normally is but I think our offensive numbers were similar.

"We had to make some adjustments after the first two sets but I was happy with how we performed in the third."

SHSU's Devene Wells-Gibson landed a game-high 20 kills, committing only four errors.

DiFrancesco recorded her eighth double-double effort, registering 16 kills and 16 digs.

"Stacey did a good job tonight,"

said Hernesman. "We are trying to get her to be a little more aggressive but she is on a good path."

Jimenez collected 19 digs while also hammering down nine kills and blocking three attacks.

Sam Houston started off the first set red hot, running out to a 6-2 lead early on. The Lady Demons trimmed the deficit to 6-5 after an SHSU service error sparked a 3-0 run.

NSU tried to hold on but the Bearkats pulled away again after a series of kills and NSU attack errors put the score at 16-10. Northwestern State was unable to gain a lead and dropped the set 25-19.

The Lady Demons looked good to start out the second set, starting with a 3-0 run but SHSU answered with a streak of their own, knotting up the game at 4-4.

Sam Houston took the lead as the scoreboard read 8-7 and controlled the momentum for the remainder of the game. The Bearkats won the set 25-17.

"This match shows us that the conference race is wide open," said Hernesman. "I think through this first half of the conference season we have learned where we need to improve."

"We are still a very young group that is growing so we are going to take these lessons and see where we can improve."

NSU returns home on Thursday to take on the Lady Lions of Southeastern Louisiana. The match is slated to begin at 7 p.m. at Prather Coliseum.

For complete story  
visit nsudemons.com

## Lady Demons fall to SFA, 3-0

**Brittany Russ**  
Sauce Reporter

**S**tephen F. Austin's Chelsea Raymond scored twice as the Northwestern State Lady Demon soccer team fell 3-0 Sunday afternoon in a Southland Conference match-up.

"We played a good first half, and then we had a little moment of collapse allowing SFA to score a few goals," said head coach George Van Linder.

NSU (5-7-1, 0-2-1) kept the Ladyjacks (11-3, 3-0) from scoring in the first half as both teams entered halftime scoreless.

SFA did not waste any time in the second half as it scored at the 48-minute mark. Zuri Prince knocked down a cross from Megan Dunnigan inside the box and shot low to put the Ladyjacks on the board.

Raymond earned her first tally less than five minutes later as she dribbled into the box and placed the ball into the lower left hand corner. She scored again at the 64-minute mark after receiving a short pass from Kylie Louw.

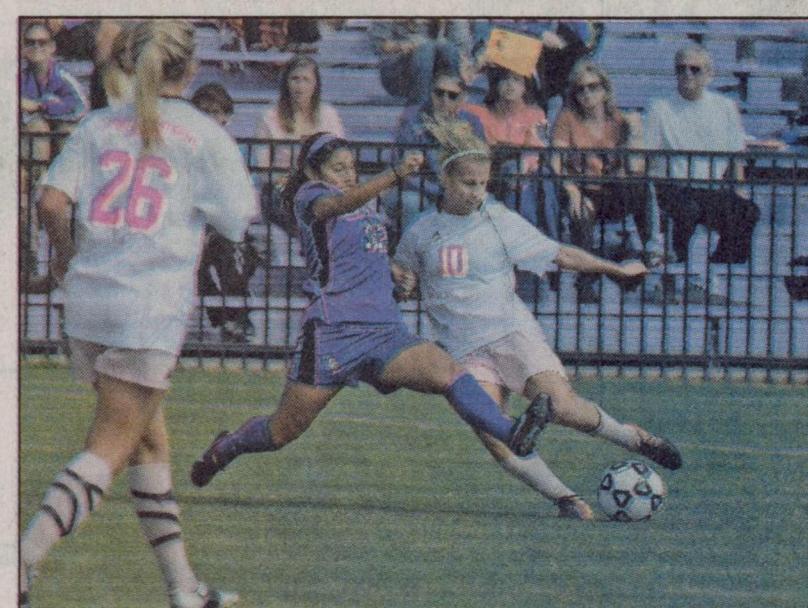


Photo by Gary Hardamon

**Danielle Harding tries to avoid the SFA defender. NSU lost to SFA 3-0.**

Lacey Lee and Morgan Glick made two saves each to give SFA the shutout.

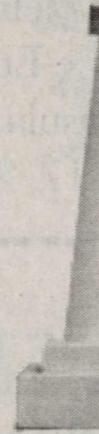
Brooke Bourbonais and Jessica Danku made a combined six saves in net.

"We are so close to being the type of team we want to be, but we have to demand more from ourselves,"

said Van Linder.

The Lady Demons travel to Southland Conference opponent Sam Houston State on Friday. Kick-off is slated for 7 o'clock. They will return home on October 19th to face McNeese. The game is slated to begin at 7 p.m. at the Lady Demon soccer complex.





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## D.O.V.E.S. to host fundraiser

**"To change it for one person is already worth it."**

Shannon Durham  
DOVES Project and Program Director

Jarred Roberts  
Sauce Reporter

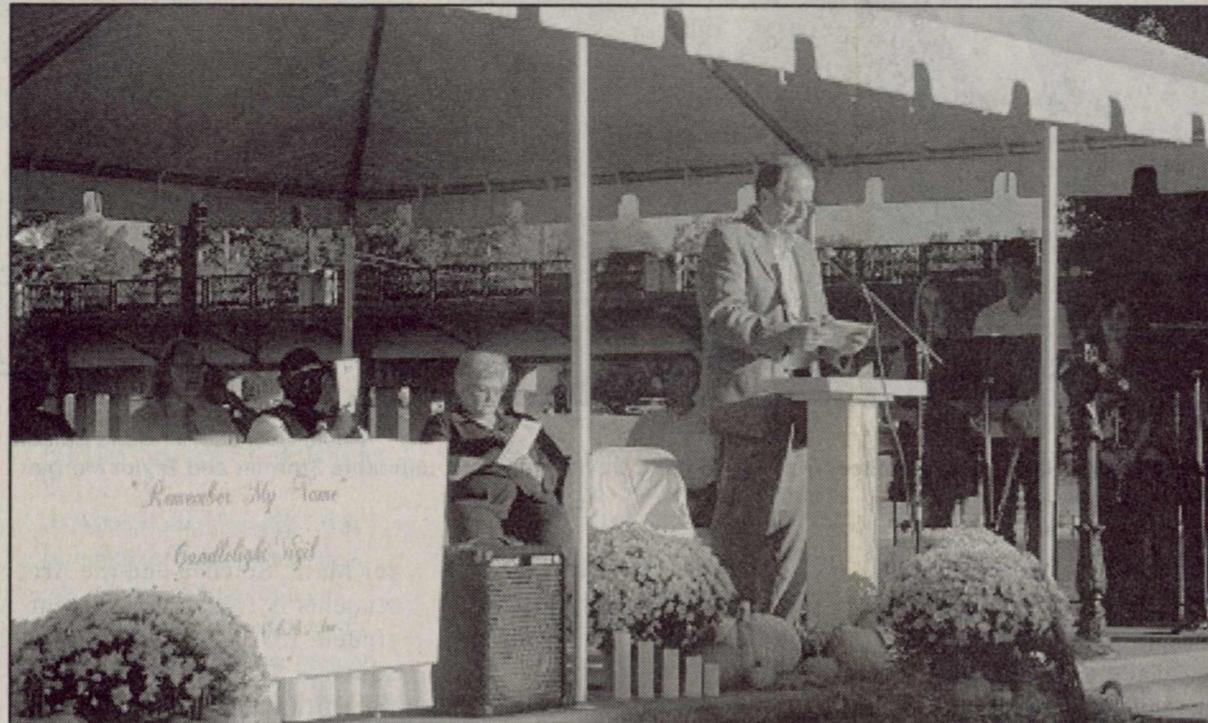
October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month.

To combat domestic violence Natchitoches serves the community with the organization Domestic Violence Education and Support Inc., or D.O.V.E.S.

D.O.V.E.S. is a shelter for women who have experienced abusive relationships. It is located in Natchitoches and accepts women from all over the nation.

D.O.V.E.S. was formed in 1998 as an agency that helped women in abusive relationships and found them shelters to live. In 2006 a house was donated and remodeled and D.O.V.E.S. became a shelter of its own where Abby Garcia, the executive director of, runs the organization.

Services provided by D.O.V.E.S. include a 24-hour hotline, several clothing drives a



Submitted Photo

A candlelight vigil that took place on Oct. 1 honoring domestic violence victims in the past year.

year with can food drives coming soon, fund raisers and teaching the community.

Shannon Durham, projects and programs director, said that they also provide legal advocacy during court cases and are essentially an extra pair of eyes and ears for our clients who may be under great physical and mental stress during a trial.

D.O.V.E.S. has many events in store to raise awareness of domestic violence. A candlelight

vigil was held on Oct. 1 to honor the 58 individuals who passed away last year in Louisiana from domestic violence.

Mayor Lee Posey declared October as domestic violence awareness month for Natchitoches and even presented D.O.V.E.S. with a certificate honoring the organization.

When it comes to D.O.V.E.S. presence on campus Garcia says it is something that hasn't happened enough and that should change in

the future.

Both Durham and Garcia experienced similar situations to the women in D.O.V.E.S. that they serve. Their situations drove them to help others like they had been helped.

"What started out as necessity turned into passion," Durham said. "D.O.V.E.S. is a symbol of hope, freedom and safety."

"We're here to provide all that," Durham added with a smile.

"I enjoy knowing at the end of my day that I've made a difference. For someone that was in a similar position as I was to change it for one person is already worth it."

To anyone who would like to volunteer or make a donation, the D.O.V.E.S. website is currently undergoing construction and has a volunteering application which can be completed.

This Thursday D.O.V.E.S. will be hosting their annual Cochon de Lait at the Natchitoches Country Club. This event has happened every year since at least 2005 and features a live auction, door prizes and this year a hat contest.

Hardrick and the Rivers Review will be playing and DOVES will reward someone with their Volunteer of the Year award. All the proceeds go to helping out the organization.

"It's a celebration of life," Durham said.

Kristie Sims, assistant director of counseling and career services, refers students to D.O.V.E.S. and that she does her own seminars on healthy relationships.

A clothing drive is being put on until Nov. 9. Anyone who would like to donate clothing can email socialwork3140@yahoo.com to set up a date, time and location to drop off any clothing.

### Student Messenger Update

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as-D'Amato Reading  
Room, 201-B

## What a Northwestern State degree can do for you State Rep. Henry Burns has success in the military, business and politics



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Burns will be signing copies of his book and telling some of his favorite stories at Kings Hardware in Shreveport from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 14 and at Barnes and Noble in Shreveport on Nov. 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Courtesy of News Bureau

State Rep. Henry Burns of Haughton has demonstrated during his colorful career in business, politics, military service and most recently as an author just how versatile, flexible and successful Northwestern State University graduates can be.

Burns, who enrolled at Northwestern after graduation from high school in the little Webster Parish town of Shongaloo, earned a bachelor's degree in upper elementary education

in 1970 and later received a master's from Pepperdine University in California.

Planning to use his education degrees for a career in teaching, Burns got sidetracked by a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and became an expert and instructor in explosive ordinance disposal for military "bomb squads."

His academic background in education helped prepare Burns to teach U.S. soldiers, NATO forces, FBI and CIA officers and others classes in military munitions, clandestine devic-

es, Presidential security and special weapons.

After nearly eight years in the Army and two decades in the Army Reserves, Burns retired as a lieutenant colonel and received the prestigious Meritorious Service Medal.

When Burns ended his full-time stint in the Army in the late 1970s, oil fields around his hometown of Shongaloo and other parts of North Louisiana were bustling with activity, and he decided to get in on the oil business boom.

Henry had seen a lot of the country

in his military travels, but he wanted to get back close to his roots when it came time to settle down. He had fond memories of his time in the woods, rivers and streams that surrounded his little hometown.

There was also a strong, lifelong bond with his college alma mater in Natchitoches, which was not far away. His mother had graduated from Northwestern and was an elementary teacher. His dad attended LSU and became a Farm Bureau agent after a career of military service.

Henry and his wife Lynette guided all four of their children to Northwestern although Lynette went to Kansas State. Henry said he could accept that, because the school's colors of purple and white are the same as Northwestern's. All of Henry and Lynette's kids and their spouses are NSU alumni.

The Burns family was living the good life when oil wells were pumping and he was an independent petroleum and natural gas operator, but the bottom dropped out of the oil business in the state in the 1980s.

Then Henry, who had kids in college and had also become a thoroughbred owner and breeder when times were good, started looking for a better way to feed his family and his stable of horses.

Burns heard that The Wooden Spoon, a bakery that specialized in gift baskets of cookies and cakes, was for sale. With no skills or knowledge about the baking business except a deep appreciation for his grandmother's banana nut bread, Henry bought

the bakery.

Henry and a couple of employees made bushels of cookies and cakes from scratch every morning, and he personally delivered gift baskets of the baked goods by the thousands over the years to birthday parties, hospitals, holiday events, offices and homes.

He became known as the Cookie Man and made a lot of friends as he delivered gift baskets far and wide for special occasions, captivated folks with his wit and charisma and entertained them with downhome stories about his life and Shongaloo upbringing.

Careful to remind people that he is the Cookie Man with a "C" and not a "K," Henry acknowledges that he might be viewed once in a while as a little "kooky" because of his flamboyance and gregarious personality.

But it was that unique persona, combined with his military and business experience, strong educational background, compassion for people and the relationships that he built by visiting with so many folks through the years, that helped launch yet another successful career for Henry... this time in politics.

He was elected to the Bossier Parish School Board and served in that position for 15 years. Then Henry expanded his political influence by winning a seat in the Louisiana House in 2007. He was re-elected to the position last year without opposition.

Burns is popular with legislative colleagues and has also been an effec-

tive part of major reforms in the state as an ally and floor leader for Gov. Bobby Jindal.

Friends in the House and Senate say that if the legislature had a congenital award similar to those for beauty contests, Henry would win it. Not the beauty contest, just the congenital award.

Now Henry is adding a new chapter to his life so to speak. He is calling himself an author, but that might be stretching it a bit. Actually, he wrote just a chapter for a new book entitled, "Meanwhile, Back at Café Du Monde."

The book that was created and edited by Peggy Sweeney McDonald and produced by Pelican Publishing Company includes 77 chapters by restaurant owners, chefs, elected officials and other notable personalities focusing on a wide variety of Louisiana foods, culture and cuisine.

Burns' segment of the slick, 200-page publication highlights his Wooden Spoon business and touches on other aspects of the life of the Cookie Man, a title that he treasures. Included in the chapter by Burns is a recipe for the kind of banana nut bread that he could smell baking in his grandmother's oven as he grew up in the Red Rock Hills of North Louisiana.

For the rest of this story, check out [www.news.nsula.edu.com](http://www.news.nsula.edu.com)

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## 'Smokey Joe's Café' makes its NSU debut

**Contessa Wills**  
Sauce Reporter

Last Thursday NSU's Theatre and Dance presented "Smokey Joe's Café" at Theater West. "Smokey Joe's Café" is a musical revue that features popular songs written by Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller.

Some of the songs that attendees may recognize are "Kansas City" (Wilbert Harrison), "Hound Dog" (Elvis Presley), "Stand by Me" (Ben E. King), "There Goes My Baby" (The Drifters) and "Yakety Yak" (The Coasters).

Because "Smokey Joe's" is a musical revue, there is no story line. There are 44 music numbers performed by ten students. Student performers prepared for the musical with 40 rehearsals Sunday through Friday for three and a half hours.

The cast includes Julian Anderson, Billy Applewhite, David Brumfield, Tori Cormier, Rachel Harper, Polanco Jones, Jr., Taylor Morgan, DeAngelo Renard, Latreshia Stormer and Lauren Wagstaff.

Pia Wyatt, Managing Director/Associate Artistic Di-

rector and Associate Professor of Theatre, will serve as director. She described the musical as a celebration of life as well as a celebration of the music from the 50s and 60s. Students can expect "excellent singing, fantastic dancing, high energy and rollicking, jovial fun," Wyatt said.

Despite being proven that fine arts education improves student's performance in other subject areas such as Math and English, institutions continue to cut funding.

Wyatt attributes this to the fact that the arts are not a money maker. She does, however, think that fine arts are necessary to everyone's life.

"We need a release. We need an outlet, something to take us away to a better place after a long day," she said.

"We get that from the theatre."

Budget cuts have forced CAPA to be creative and frugal. "Smokey Joe's Café" is cheaper to produce than a work of Shakespeare because the cast is small and does not require multiple elaborate costumes or set changes. Doing a revue helps to balance out the season financially.

The money saved on "Smokey Joe's Café" can be used towards the next production, "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream." Costumes are either made by the students or recycled from other shows. Also, the stage and lights were designed by students as well.

Opening night was a major success; there was not an empty seat in the house. From on-campus chatter, it would appear that subsequent shows will achieve the same level of success. S



*Photo Courtesy of News Bureau*

haniqua Lottihall, a sophomore Psychology student, is looking forward to seeing "Smokey Joe's Café."

"I enjoy musicals, especially the ones at NSU," Lottihall said. "I've heard of some of the music and I think it would be really interesting and fun to watch."

Smokey Joe's Café will be performed from the 17th to the 20th. Admission for NSU, BPCC and Louisiana School

for Math, Science and the Arts students is free with a current student I.D. Admission for adults is \$15, while admission for children and senior citizens is \$12.

Tickets may be purchased online at theatre.nsula.edu. To make reservations, which are mandatory, please contact Jane Norman at normanj@nsula.edu or call (318) 357-4483.

## Online Shopping: Not a Scandal like in 'South Park'

I'd hate to admit it, but the most recent episode of "South Park" is my inspiration for this week.

**Jacob Labutka**  
Style Columnist

I'm not suggesting that you wear Stan's red poof-ball hat or child pants that make you look like you only have ankles and no legs.

The most recent episode was about a scandal surrounding the UPS man who had been delivering Amazon packages to the wives of South Park.

I hardly seek to discuss marital scandal, but there is a continually growing trend among American consumers: online shopping.

Most of us have experienced the convenience that is associated with online shopping. There's more selection online than in a physical store (since the selection is pretty much

anything), you don't have to leave home and you can often save a lot of money. But is it actually better to go to a virtual store than a physical one? Well, it depends.

When it comes to your cosmetics, especially makeup, I would suggest only buying them online if you've bought it from a store before and know how it wears. It would be best to avoid the unthinkable travesty of ordering a foundation that is too dark and makes you look like Snooki.

Whether or not you should order clothes online depends on what you're looking to buy.

For example, I was recently on the hunt for some new pants. Unfortunately, most stores do not carry giant sizes (I'm 6' 7"), and when I find pants that fit they are often baggy and unflattering.

As a result, the online Old Navy store became my new best friend, and I bought a pair of skinny jeans and brown corduroy pants.



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Holding their new Amazon purchase are Jordan Smith (left) and Kara Scouten (right).

However, one cannot deny the pleasure that comes from going on a shopping spree.

There's something gratifying about trying on several different options and then picking the best one. Also, there are some things that look cute on the hanger, but trying them on becomes the

worst decision you have ever made.

Actually going to the store and trying on clothes gives the comfort of certainty since you know that what you try on will fit well and look good. There's often times risk involved with online clothing purchases. A

size small for one company will certainly not fit the same as another.

I can wear anything from an extra-small to a small depending on the company and/or type of clothing. Overall, neither method of shopping is better.

We're definitely not as dependent on online shopping as the husbands of "South Park."

They complained of having to physically go to the store after beating up the UPS man. To help scare the UPS man they wore Bane (from Batman) masks, which I do not recommend as a daily accessory (a Halloween idea perhaps).

To get back on point, the method of shopping you choose all depends on what you want to buy and what mood you're in. Sometimes you want to cuddle with a blanket, drink hot cocoa and order some fuzzy socks online.

And other times you want to go out to the mall with friends in a new pair shoes and then proceed to buy even more shoes.

## KNWD's hosts Attack of the Jack-O-Lanterns

**Jessica Blow**  
Sauce Reporter

Do you know how to carve a Jack-O-Lantern? Would you like to showcase your talent? Well, KNWD The Demon is hosting Attack of the Jack-O-Lantern this Thursday, Oct. 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

Attack of the Jack-O-Lantern is an art show competition where students carve jack-o-lanterns and showcase their art before three judges. Also, students get a chance to choose their favorite jack-o-lantern.

There will be no real carving at the event and no real candles allowed, but electronic LED tea light candles are allowed.

The jack-o-lanterns are separated into three categories, which are Traditional, School Spirit and Plain Awesome. School Spirit and Plain Awesome are considered non-traditional categories. Students can only enter one category.

The Traditional category rules are that the jack-o-lantern must have two eyes, but the nose is optional. The School Spirit rules the jack-o-lantern must be NSU or organization related and can have items such as logos, emblems or Greek letters. The Plain Awesome category consists of anything non-traditional. It doesn't have to have two eyes, a mouth or be NSU related.

There will be three winners, one for each category. The winners get

work together.

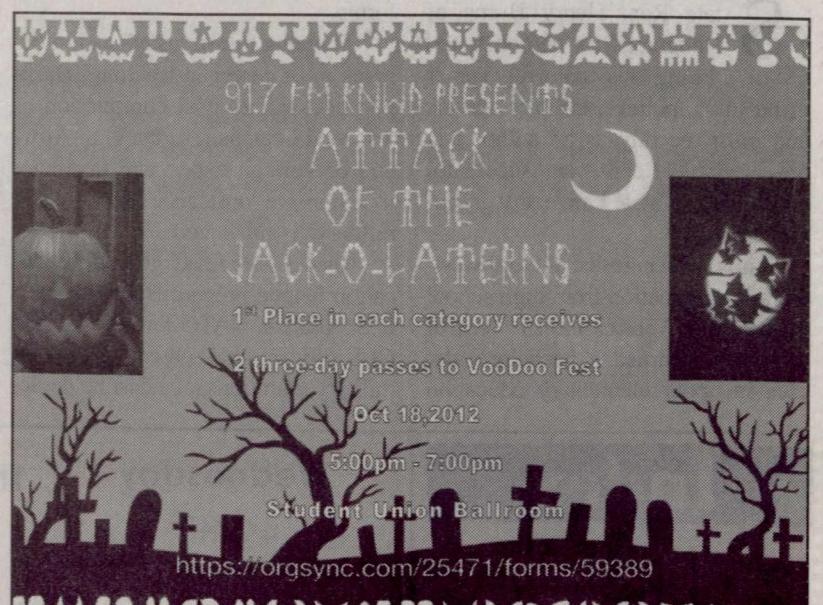
"The whole staff in general is just like a big collaborative group of people," Sharp said. "We get along really well."

The event was inspired by KNWD's receipt of Voodoo Fest Tickets from Nichols State. KNWD plans to make the event annual.

"It's a good way to give away tickets," Tara Luck, KNWD general manager, said. "Come out and have a good time and bring a friend."

The application to enter the contest is on NSU's Orgsync Facebook page. The last day to enter the contest is this Wednesday at 9 p.m.

For more information about Voodoo Fest, visit [www.thevoodoofest.com](http://www.thevoodoofest.com).



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## Did You Know?

**M**ore American Presidents were born in the month of October than any other month. They were John Adams, Rutherford B. Hayes, Chester Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and Jimmy Carter.

## Countdown till Homecoming

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## Book publication goes through a digital revolution

The standard for literature has been in constant fluctuation since the invention of the printing press in 1440 B.C. The ease of printing and mass production allowed everyday citizens to read works that had been unavailable to them.

Einstein once said that the Printing Revolution acted as an agent of change in Europe. It allowed the spread of ideas and information on a huge scale.



**Catherine Beverly**  
Opinions Editor

The modern day equivalent of the Printing Revolution is the Digital Revolution. E-readers such as the Kindle and Nook affected many levels of printing and reading. For those who do not own an e-reader, you can download the app for a computer, phone or tablet at Amazon's website.

For writers, finding publishers was no longer a necessity. Amazon's e-book library is filled with free downloads from

up-and-coming authors. While some books could use the help of a good editor, there are a few diamonds in the rough that are snatched up by readers.

For readers, the price of being an avid reader dropped dramatically. Affordability was a major decision in book buying of the past, but now it has become less of one. After a one-time cost of around \$79, you could have access to tons of free books. Maybe these aren't best-sellers, but you can read the entirety of Shakespeare's work for free.

If you are a member of Amazon

Prime, you can lend and borrow books from across the country. If you are a member of the local library, you are allowed to rent out digital copies of books just as you would a print copy. Project Gutenberg, named after the inventor of the printing press, is even transcribing the world's best literature into digital format to be downloaded for free.

Just as the printing press allowed for the widespread transmission of ideas and information, the digital age is giving people the opportunity to learn more than ever before. A

mixture of old and new is available at the fingertips of almost everyone in America.

As someone who was an avid reader long before these newfangled inventions, I can tell you I still love the feeling of a print book in my hands, but as someone who doesn't have much money, being able to get light reading for a few dollars is something that has changed my outlook on life.

So, the only question left is whether or not this is a good thing. The pros are easy: downloading books is easier, cheaper and faster

than driving to get print books. The cons may be a little harder. For example, the print industry is in a huff trying to figure out how to incorporate this new medium, and I'm left wondering if this new influx of cheap books is really helping our country.

Sure, you can get "The World According to Monsanto" for less than \$5, but books like "Nothing Stays in Vegas" have triple the reviews and cost nothing. So, which one do you think a busy American will take time out of their day to read?

## Visible undergarments: Fashion or trashin'?

A couple of weeks ago I happened to post a status on Facebook stating my opinion about a certain look I see



**Camille Mosley**  
Freshman Scholar

have chosen to wear a nude bra because they make nude bras for that purpose.

After seeing this girl, I was scrolling through my newsfeed when I saw pictures of a girl in a bikini, pictures of herself intoxicated and another picture with her black bra visibly showing through her white shirt.

Now, to all those naysayers out there who say that I'm just being a prude, I ask you, how many movie stars do you see showing their bra straps or bras at events? How about anyone in the royal family? How about your local doctor?

Not to mention, one guy added me on Facebook two weeks later just to find this status and comment on it. After all of this drama, I talked about it with my mother. She completely agreed with me because, in her own words, "I raised you to have class, not to be trash."

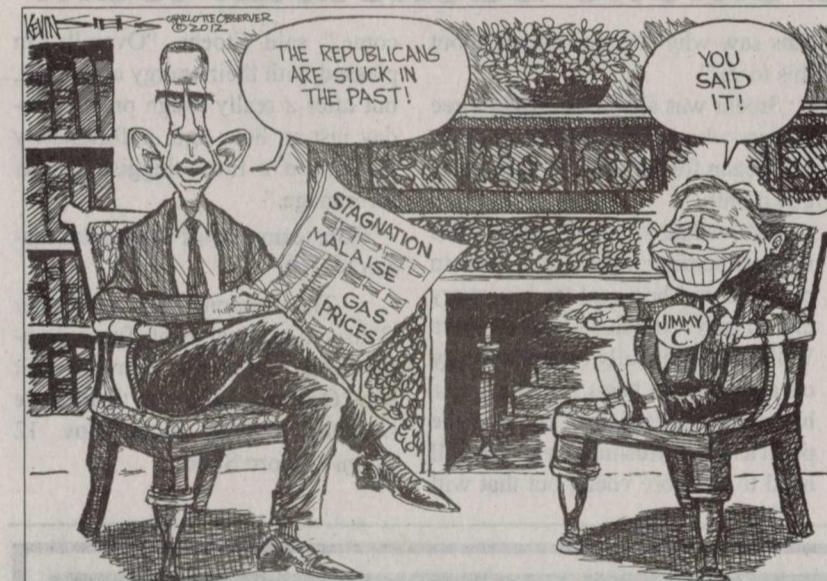
All I'm saying is that no self-respecting woman would publicly show her undergarments. What happens in the privacy of one's home, well, that isn't any of my business. Walk around naked for all I care.

If one walks around with his or her undergarments showing, be prepared to be harshly judged.

I didn't realize making a small statement on Facebook would affect so many lives. When I made this statement, I was in the cafeteria and a girl was wearing a see-through shirt with a patterned bra. She could

and how most girls intentionally show their bras and bra straps in public. This post upset off a lot of people.

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Our newspaper needs stories written by students. Come by our office, 227 Kyser, if you would like to join. Meetings are every Monday at 6:50 p.m. We hope to hear from you!

- Current Sauce staff

### Super Crossword

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## Southeastern sacks Demons, 27-22

Courtesy of Sports Info:

There were plenty of shortfalls contributing to Northwestern State's 27-22 Southland Conference loss Saturday as Southeastern Louisiana remained perfect in league play.

The Demons missed an extra point for the first time this season. They had a punt blocked for the second time in 2012. They lost dynamic returner/receiver/wildcat back Phillip Harvey to a knee injury shortly after halftime, and by then, last week's 100-yard rusher, Rob Walker, was already sidelined with a blow to the back on his second carry. They were down to only two starting offensive linemen. Picking up two early turnovers netted only three points.

But the prevailing factor was the performance by the Lions (3-4 overall, 3-0 in the Southland), whose three wins have come in conference games over McNeese, Lamar and now Northwestern (3-4, 1-2).

"Give credit to Southeastern, they made the plays to win the game and we didn't, period. We had opportunities we did not convert, we had plays in all three phases we did not make, and some of the reason why was that Southeastern made more plays than we did," said Demons' head coach Bradley Dale Peveto.

NSU trailed by double digits three times, but a 1:15-long, 62-yard hurry-up drive ending with quarterback Brad Henderson's 8-yard keeper with 4:08 remaining brought the Demons back within five points. But in keeping with the Demons' fortunes Saturday, an onside kick that wasn't called happened. SLU had 10 players within 15 yards of the ball, and the kick was supposed to be chipped over the two lines of Lions, but Demons' kicker John Shaughnessy hit it flat and the kick was fair



*Photo by Gary Hardamon*  
Freshman running back Daniel Taylor breaks into the open field after catching a pass to score a touchdown. The Demons lost to SLU 27-22.

caught by SLU.

"You watch the PGA, the best golfers in the world hit it fat. Bad time for that to happen to us. Then Southeastern converted a fourth down and we weren't able to get the ball back until the last 20 seconds," said Peveto.

NSU started the day without its starting right guard and tackle because of injuries, and lost starting left tackle Larry Calcote midway through, just before Harvey was felled, taking away a player leading the Southland and 10th nationally in all-purpose yards (170 per game).

"I'm not going to make excuses about injuries costing us in this game. If somebody goes out, somebody else has to step in and do the job," said Peveto. "That's football."

Southeastern took charge with two straight long (75, 74 yards) scoring drives late in the first and early in the second quarter, going up 14-3.

The Demons got a 4-yard Henderson pass to Corey Simmons 6:29 before

halftime, but Shaughnessy's PAT hit

the upright and bounced back to

leave it at 14-9. SLU drove for 12 plays to net a Seth Sebastian 22-yard field goal in the final minute of the half for a 17-9 advantage.

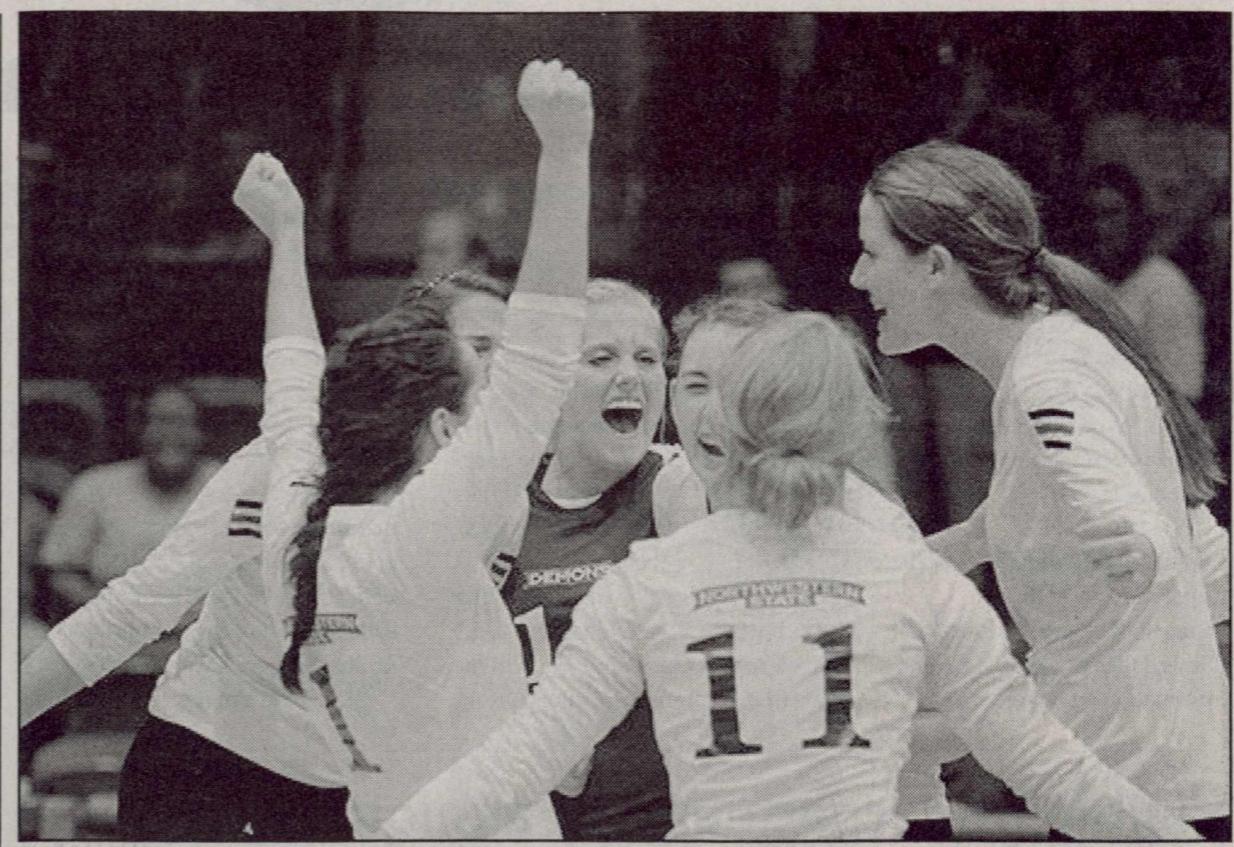
Sebastian added a 30-yarder on SLU's first second-half series. The Demons answered with a 92-yard, nine-play drive capped by true freshman Daniel Taylor's 30-yard scamper on a throwback pass from Henderson, getting within 20-15.

After the Lions rolled up 233 yards at halftime, nearly as many as NSU allowed in the entire game last week while beating Lamar, the Demons stopped most of the bleeding in the final two quarters.

"They had a lot of new wrinkles, a very high tempo, and they had us on our heels defensively in the first half," said Peveto. "We did a better job after halftime, on all but the one drive where they made a great catch (29 yards to Chris Malott) when we had perfect coverage."

That came after Henderson lost

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[www.nsudemons.com](http://www.nsudemons.com)



*Photo by Gary Hardamon*  
The Lady Demons celebrate after winning a set against Southeastern in Prather Coliseum.

## Lady Demons improve streak

Chris Degeyter  
Staff Reporter

The Lady Demons, 14-8, 6-4 in conference, triumphed over both the Southeastern Lions (7-12, 2-7) and the Nicholls State Colonels (8-12, 3-6) last week.

Sophomore Keelie Arneson was a key part of the Lady Demons' 3-1 victory over the Southeastern Lions on Thursday night at Prather Coliseum. Arneson recorded a career high 35 digs with 7 assists in the match.

"She did a good job with keeping us in rallies," Hugh Hernesman, Lady Demons co-head coach, said. "I thought she did a great job, passed really well and played great

defense."

Helping Arneson were sophomores Stacey DiFrancesco with 17 kills and 10 digs, and freshman Cait O'Connell, with 16 kills. Freshman Glynnna Johnson also got in on the Lady Demons' fierce attack with a .550 kill percentage.

"It's a good start for us coming off of two losses last week," Hernesman said. "One of our deficiencies from last week was the ability to kill the ball. Fifty-eight kills in only four sets is a good number for us."

Saturday afternoon at Prather Coliseum the Lady Demons dominated again with a 3-0 victory over the Nicholls State Colonels.

DiFrancesco played another ex-

cellent match, recording 15 kills and 10 digs.

Hernesman said DiFrancesco wants to be great, is competitive and wanted the win, which drove her to playing great both Thursday and Saturday.

Arneson tallied 21 digs with 4 assists, and O'Connell scored 10 kills. Johnson finished with the highest kill percentage in this match as well, finishing at .455.

"The most important thing for us is that we recaptured our identity," Hernesman said. "We had a really good rhythm going."

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[www.nsucurrentsauce.com](http://www.nsucurrentsauce.com)

## Enthusiastic fans enjoy preview of Demons, Lady Demons basketball team

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Pather Coliseum was buzzing Monday night although the scoreboard wasn't in use, as the Northwestern State basketball

teams staged brief intrasquad scrimmages for the annual Tipoff Party and Select-A-Seat Event, capped by a buzzer-beating 30-foot 3-pointer by men's freshman guard Jalan West.

"We had a great turnout. It was great for our fans to get out to see the Lady Demons and our team play," said Mike McConathy, beginning

his 14th season as the Northwestern men's coach. "We had people driving in from an hour or more and we're very appreciative of them and everybody who came out for a great event from start to finish."

Fans enjoyed complimentary food and kids got a chance to play in inflatables and have their faces painted before the focus turned to the basketball court for the Lady Demons.

After the scrimmages ended, players signed autographs for enthusiastic fans.

"We just want to thank the fans

for coming out," said first-year Lady Demons co-head coach Brooke Stoehr. "We were competing with Monday Night Football on TV, but we saw a lot of familiar faces, and a lot of new faces. We had a great turnout from the student body. Hopefully our product at the end of the season in March will look quite a bit different than what we saw tonight. It's a process and we'll get there."

"I'm just thrilled to see the turnout and the support for women's basketball here," she said. "After we finished, it was fun watching Coach

McConathy and his team get out there."

The good turnout was beneficial for the teams, McConathy said.

"We didn't accomplish a lot in terms of basketball, but it was good to get in front of a crowd and play through the jitters which is a real positive," he said.

"It was a chance to get everybody on the floor. We have a lot way to go, a lot of work, but tonight it was about having fun, shooting a lot of 3s and not a lot of posting up or defending very aggressively. I think our

fans saw why we are excited about this team."

Stoehr was able to spotlight three players who have shined since practice began for the NSU women early this month.

"We've had a couple young ladies who are setting the tone as to how to compete and be vocal leaders every day. Trudy Armstead and Tiandra Williams have really brought energy on a consistent basis. Janelle Perez has done a great job of running the point as a true freshman, and she will need to be more vocal, but that will

come," said Stoehr. "Overall I'm pleased with their energy and effort, but after a really tough practice today just an hour ago, unfortunately we looked a little sluggish in this scrimmage."

Both teams tip off the regular season Nov. 9.

The Demons play in Prather Coliseum against East Texas Baptist while the Lady Demons visit New Orleans, then open their home schedule Monday night, Nov. 12 against Alcorn State.

## Sports Roundup

National Football League

The Atlanta Falcons improve to 6-0 by edging out the Oakland Raiders, 23-20. The team leads the NFL in the power rankings.

Despite losing to the Green Bay Packers, the Houston Texans are in good shape. They fall one spot to No. 2 in the power rankings.

The Giants jumped up four spots from No. 7 after beating the San Francisco 49ers, 26-3.

National Basketball Association

Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade hopes to play in the team's third preseason game Thursday against the Detroit Pistons. Wade played in the Heat's second preseason game against the Los Angeles Clippers.

Dallas Mavericks superstar Dirk Nowitzki hopes to escape having knee surgery. After a few pre-season games, the German forward's knee is swelling slightly. Nowitzki believes reducing his workload will help him achieve this.

Major League Baseball

Jason Giambi could possibly be the next Colorado Rockies' manager. Giambi is set to meet with the organization, but no date for the meeting has been set. Giambi just completed his 18th season. He has a career batting avg. of .280 with 429 homeroons.

Soccer

France's last ditch efforts were enough to even the score and draw against Spain. Spain delivered the first punch when Sergio Ramos scored on a rebound in the 26th minute. France's Olivier Giroud header pull the teams to even ground in the late minutes of the game.

### NCAAF FBS BCS standings

No.1 Alabama
No.2 Florida
No.3 Oregon
No.4 Kansas State
No.5 Notre Dame
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# Louisiana Supreme Court visits NSU

Compiled from News Bureau  
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*Sauce Reporter*

The Supreme Court, Louisiana's highest court, heard four cases during a session held on campus last Thursday as the court sat before an audience of university and high school students, faculty, administrators and guests.

The four cases addressed seizure and forfeiture of property, a hurricane-related insurance settlement, the finer points of statutes related to medical malpractice and damages resulting from product liability.

"We are grateful to the court for providing this opportunity for our students, students in other schools and the community to see the court and the role it plays in our state," Dr. Randall J. Webb, NSU President, said. "We welcome Louisiana's highest court to Louisiana's oldest city."

Associate Justice Jeffrey Victory of Shreveport explained the functions and responsibilities of the court as the court of last resort in Louisiana that governs all state courts, looks after lawyers and makes decisions on the constitutionality of state laws.

Victory noted that the Louisiana Supreme Court is one of the most advanced in the country regarding its electronic capabilities, maintaining a website and streaming court proceedings online.

Victory acknowledged that as the state of Louisiana is commemorating its bicentennial in this year, the Louisiana Supreme Court will commemorate its bicentennial in 2013.

Webb said events like this are important for students and faculty.

"It is an honor for us to be a part of this," Webb said. "Only a few people can honestly say they have attended a Louisiana Supreme Court hearing, and for us to say that we have is an incredible thing. I stress civic engagement because it improves the equality of life and the community and also gives the students a better understanding and appreciation for the state and federal judicial system."

One of the cases that interested students was Tina Viers v. The State of Louisiana.

Viers was stopped while in a vehicle by a police officer because of improper lane usage. When the officer noticed the defendant acted suspiciously, he asked to search the vehicle. The state's attorney said that when the officer searched the vehicle he found \$144,350 in separate bundles in a secret floor compartment of the vehicle.

When Viers was asked where the money came from and whom it was for, she said that the money did not belong to her. The money was then confiscated and tested for drug residue, which was found. Viers was accused of being a part of a drug transaction, but with no evidence.

One of the justices noted that the money in her car and drug residue was insufficient evidence.

The main argument from the defendant was that even though Viers initially signed a statement saying that she said the money was not hers, she also filed an affidavit at a later date claiming the money belonged to her. The State of Louisiana, argued that there was no evidence that the money belonged to Viers.

The state's attorney said evidence showed she only earned \$300 a week and had no savings, and at the end of the hearing, no judgment was made.

Bailey Boles, a freshman nursing major, said she was excited to witness real cases and history in the making.

"I came to this event for my political science class, not really expecting anything to gain or to bring to it, but when I left I learned so much from it and I am very grateful that I attended," Boles said.

Marcus Jones, vice president of university affairs, said it was an honor for the university to be selected for this court session. Jones said such events are important for students to be involved with the community and to learn about political and current events.

"The university is the heart of Natchitoches, and our students are the future of it," Jones said.



Photo Courtesy of News Bureau  
From left to right: Justice Greg G. Guidry, Justice Jeannette Theriot Knoll, Justice Bernette J. Johnson, Chief Justice Catherine D. "Kitty" Kimball, Justice Jeffrey P. Victory, Justice John L. Weimer and Justice Marcus Clark. March 1, 2013 will mark the bicentennial of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

*"We are grateful to the court for providing this opportunity for our students, students in other schools and the community to see the court and the role it plays in our state."*

-NSU President Randall Webb



Before the Louisiana Supreme Court's visit last week, they last sat at NSU in 1986. The session was streamed on [www.nsula.edu](http://www.nsula.edu).

## Upcoming Homecoming Activities

### Wednesday, Oct. 24

5k Run  
Student Union Breezeway  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### Thursday, Oct. 25

Lip Sync  
A.A. Fredricks  
7 p.m.

### Friday, Oct. 26

Parade & Pep Rally 5 p.m.  
Pep Rally/Award Ceremony  
Immediately afterwards downtown

### Saturday, Oct. 27

Homecoming Football Game  
NSU vs. Nicholls State University  
Kick off 6 p.m.  
Turpin Stadium

## 2012 presidential election to be a close race

Jared Roberts  
*Sauce Reporter*

With the presidential election only a few weeks away it seems more like a toss up because the race is as close as it's ever been.

Greg Granger, professor of history and political science, provided some insight into the upcoming election. Granger sees how close the election is and believes that it will all come down to two things—Independents and voter turn out.

"The race is too close to call at this point," Granger said.

The Democrats had a lot of power in 2008, but have waned since then, and any polling data is just a snapshot neither candidate has any discernible lead right now. This leads it up to which party

will have the higher turnout. If both parties are equally loyal and as well-matched as thought, then independents will play a much bigger role in this election.

There's a record amount of Independents now. Granger believes this shows how weak the two main parties have become. Whichever way the Independents sway is the way the election will turn out.

It makes swing states such as Ohio very valuable. There are several students at NSU who, while they may not be Independents, are still unsure on whom to cast their vote for. Senior Betsy Loyd is completely undecided. Loyd likes Obamacare but admits that she is concerned about the job market since she will be graduating soon.

"The job market is one of Obama's weak points," Loyd said.

Senior Justin Woodard is also undecided but for completely different reasons.

Woodard doesn't see any good points from either candidate. Woodard said that it is really hard to be accurately informed with so many biased news outlets.

Granger and both students agreed that potential vice presidents aren't that important in the election. Granger believes that in this election vice presidential candidates, Biden and Ryan are merely reinforcing a person's decision to pick a presidential candidate rather than actually bringing in new votes.

James LaCour, a freshman in electronic engineering, is going to be voting for Romney this year.

LaCour appreciates that Romney comes from a financial background and believes that this will allow Romney to get America

out of debt.

He believes Obama could just further the debt and that it could lead to something equivalent to the Great Depression.

Ron Walter, a freshman CIS major, prefers to side with Obama mainly because of his views on taxes and healthcare.

Most of the students interviewed had seen all, or at least clips, of the debates.

Granger said that both candidates were entertaining with high passion levels.

"In the second presidential debate, Obama had to beat both Romney and himself in terms of style and substance," Granger said.

With both parties being so close to potential votes, these debates really mattered to those states that were close to the middle for swing states like Ohio. Granger believes that Louisiana isn't a swing state,

and it is most likely that Romney will win the vote for Louisiana.

With the race this close, every vote counts. Votes matter every election but Granger said that this year it is more crucial than ever if you want your candidate to become the next President of the United States of America.



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# Q&A with the King and Queen

## Meet Homecoming King Kiley Louviere

**Age:**

21

**Classification and Major:**

Senior, psychology major

**Campus Involvement:**

Freshman year I was in the PLP program and had a small stint with the Freshman Factor committee for the Student Activities Board. At the same time, I decided to pledge the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. That spring, I was a Freshman Connector. Sophomore year I didn't do much until that spring when I was appointed president of Kappa Sigma. That summer I was also in Demon VIP, but because of absences I was appointed event coordinator for the Freshman Connection program.

**Favorite color:**

Blue and orange are pretty much tied for me.

**Favorite food:**

Anything that is homecooked (especially gumbo!)

**Favorite movies:**

"Forgetting Sarah Marshall" and "Four Brothers"

**Favorite TV show:**

None

**Favorite actor and/or actress:**

Mark Wahlberg

**Favorite band/musician/song:**

John Mayer

**One thing you couldn't live without:**

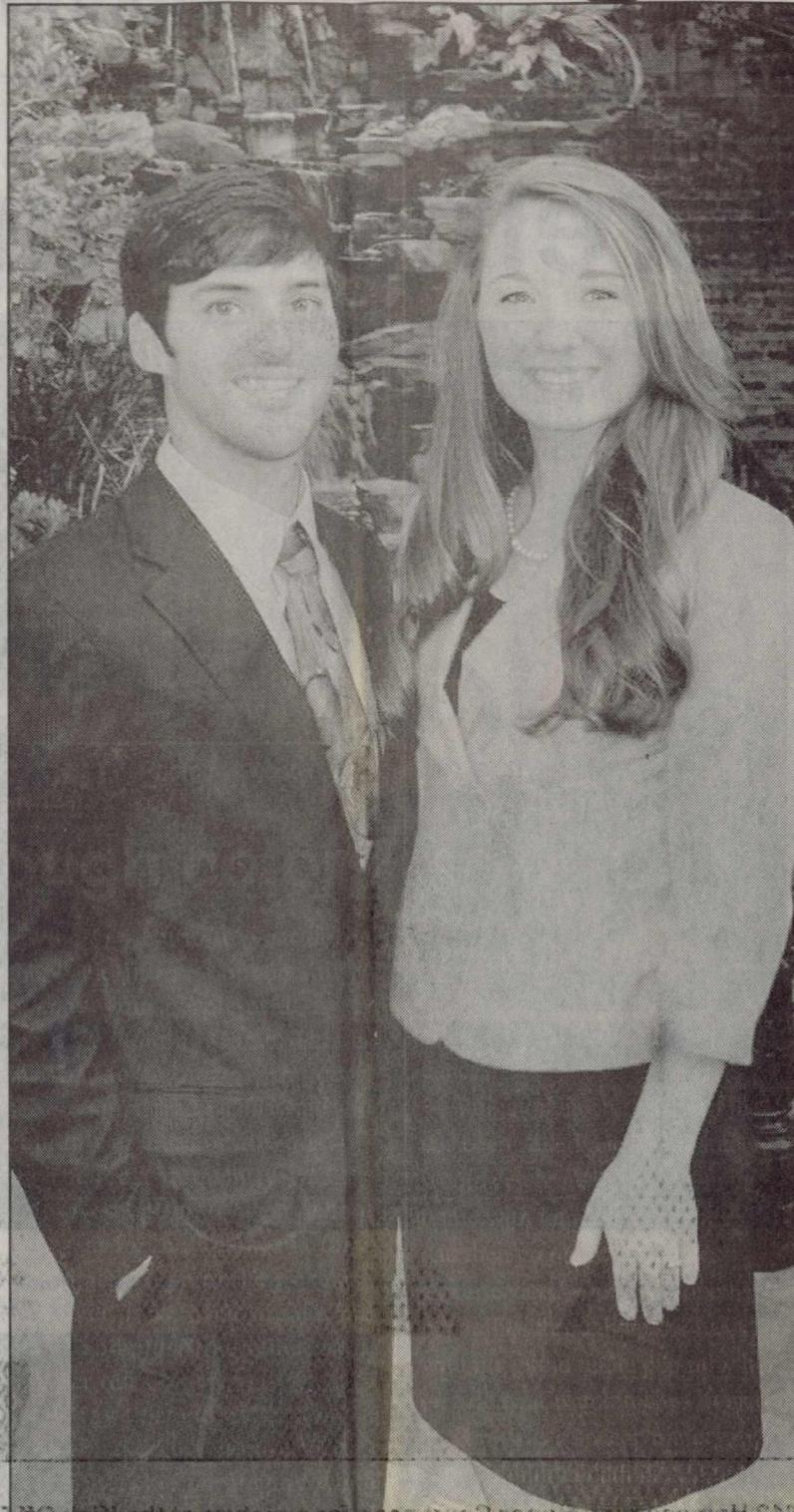
I could not live without my cellphone... that's how I seem to get most of my work done.

**What's your favorite thing about NSU? Why?**

My favorite thing about NSU is how close everyone is. The faculty actually know who YOU are, so no one person is just a face. You actually mean something to the people that run this university.

**What's your favorite part of homecoming?**

My favorite part is getting to spend the late nights with everyone working on the float and Lip Sync. The final products make the week worth while.



Submitted Photo  
Homecoming 2012 King Kiley Louviere and Queen Afton Owens.

## Meet Homecoming Queen Afton Owens

**Age:**

21

**Classification and Major:**

Senior secondary English education major

**Campus Involvement:**

I have been involved in Phi Mu Fraternity. I was the philanthropy chairman, vice president and I currently serve as president. I was a Freshman Connector for two consecutive years. I was a member of the Student Activities Board where I served as a representative at large, secretary, treasurer and the special events coordinator. I am a member of Blue Key, Sigma Lambda and Order of Omega Honor Societies. I was named the 2011 Greek Woman of the Year. I work in the Office of First Year experience, and I was a presidential ambassador.

**Favorite color:**

Purple

**Favorite food:**

I love ALL food, but if I have to choose... chili cheese dogs!

**Favorite movies:**

"Sex and the City" and "Star Trek"

**Favorite TV show:**

"Sex and the City"

**Favorite actor and/or actress:**

Chris Pine and Reese Witherspoon

**Favorite band/musician/song:**

I love every song that comes on K-LOVE. My favorite artist is probably Matthew West!

**One thing you couldn't live without:**

Books! I Love to read!

**What's your favorite thing about NSU? Why?**

I love that my entire family attended this university. It really allows us to bond over the history and tradition of NSU because it has become a tradition for my family. I love the colors of course!

**What's your favorite part of homecoming?**

I really love Homecoming Week, but if I had to pick a favorite part it would be game day. The tailgate, the alumni and families, the food and football, that is what homecoming is all about!



Photo by Jacob Labutka  
Junior Aaron McConnell shows his NSU Pride through his shirt and wall calendar.

## Showing school spirit through colors

Well fellow Demons, it would appear that it is Homecoming Week once again. There is an event every day, the Homecoming Court is crowned and the stadium lights oversee our football team vying for victory. To commemorate this annual week, one should show their pride by wearing glamorous attire in our school colors—purple and white.

I'm not saying that you have to wear the newest purple and white gown from Sak's (if that happens to be in your closet then I am quite impressed). However, you should take a peek in their closets to see what you have to work with.

For starters, let's tackle the subject of pride-colored shoes. Do not be tricked by the purple off-brand converse at Wal-Mart for they bear the mark of LSU



and their tiger. I've seen many of my fellow students wearing (real) purple converse (which I happen to own a pair of). Perhaps now is the time to either pull them out of your closet or give yourself an excuse to buy a pair.

There's also a great variety of purple tops that are really cute and should be included in everyone's wardrobe. If you can find a purple top with white to complement them that's great, but it should at least be purple since that's the color that pops (purple power).

Granted, I am biased because purple happens to be my favorite color, but it's always a good idea to have clothes that match your school.

Finding purple pants is a feat that is harder to accomplish than finding a purple and white top or pair of shoes. However, if you happen to own a pair and wear them this week, then you'll be showing your pride and be fashionably distinguished.

Even if you do not heed the

advice of what to wear during the week, the best opportunity to show your purple pride is at the Homecoming Game. This is the time to go crazy with your school spirit and wear what you couldn't in class or at work.

The most frequently employed option to wear school colors at football games is for buff males to paint their chests. However, most of us are not buff males and must find other ways to wear our colors.

A way to stand out and not be half naked is temporary hair dye. Buy some purple and white spray-on hair dye and show your school spirit by alternating the purple and white dyes on your hair (get orange hair dye if you want to display our secondary color and really stand out).

After this week has passed make sure you continue to diversify your outfits in both color and style. But always remember where you are getting your education and show your spirit and support on Purple Friday!

## Faculty members remember their NSU homecoming

**Jessica Blow**  
*Sauce Reporter*

**H**omecoming is not just for students. Alumni remember their homecoming at NSU as an undergraduate.

Arthur Dew experienced past Homecomings much like today. Dew is a communications instructor and advisor for KNWD, the campus radio station. He graduated NSU in 1965 with a bachelor's degree.

"I remember Homecoming Week as an exciting week," Dew said.

His homecoming experiences are similar as today's homecoming events, which include the football game, pep rallies, parades and Homecoming Court.

Yet, many of the other traditions have been lost over time such as daily pep rallies and homecoming dances.

Tailgating is one tradition that has been added. Dew said students would celebrate homecoming at home with family and friends and then go out to the game. Cheerleaders would put together pep rallies throughout the week, with the grand finale pep rally held on Friday at Natchitoches riverfront.

Dew was a speech major, now called communications. He helped promote homecoming on KNOC. KNOC was a Natchitoches radio station located downtown because, then, there was no KNWD.

"It was a lot of fun, but a lot of work," Adams said.

Like Dew, Adams remembers events, such as pep rallies, parades and poster contests. The football game was her favorite event.

"It's a time for students to have fun and build tradition," Adams said.

However, not all students could

participate in homecoming events such as pep rallies and homecoming dances.

Flanagan didn't really get to participate in homecoming events because she had to work her way through college. Just like Dew and Adams, Flanagan remembers football games, parades and pep rallies.

"I would stop through, but I didn't stay long," Flanagan said. Flanagan reminisced about pep rallies and other homecoming events, and said if she were a student today she would attend events like Lip-Sync.

"I think activities like that are fun and gives you a chance to come out of your box," Flanagan said.

Dew said he wished more students today would participate in Homecoming events more because students now have more distractions like cell phones and computers.

"We enjoyed the simple things," Dew said.

However, Adams and Flanagan disagreed saying students show plenty of school spirit.

Dew, Adams and Flanagan all said they enjoy homecoming because it's a time where students can interact with each other, meet old friends and just have fun.

"I think it is important because it gives students a chance to show their school spirit," Flanagan said.

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## Homecoming week kicks off with block party



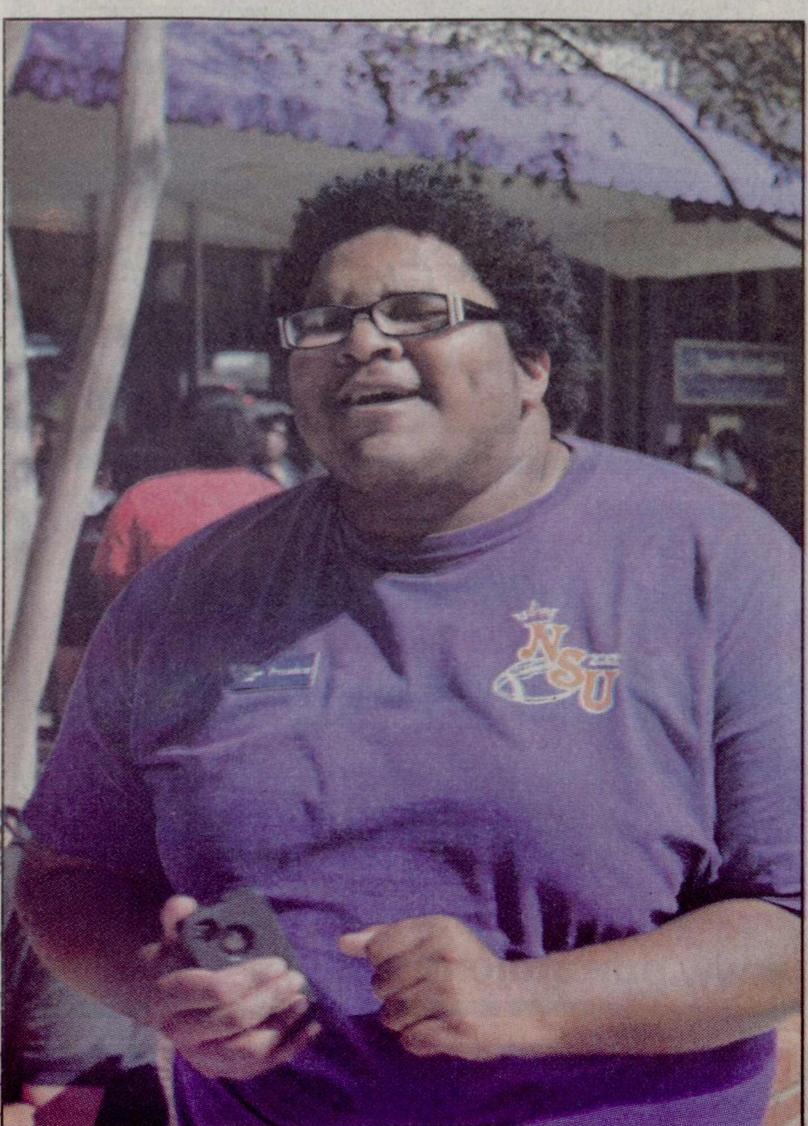
Some members of the 2012 Homecoming Honor Court pose for a picture at the Kick Off Block Party held in the Student Union Circle on Monday. Photo by Josh Mitchell



*Submitted Photo*  
Students sit and enjoy music and food provided by the Student Activities Board.

Photo by Josh Mitchell

Students wait in line for custom made rings. This was just one of the novelties available for students.



Black shades prepare to be customized with paint at the block party activity station.

Photo by Josh Mitchell  
Soloman Matthews embraces his inner songbird and sings along to the music.

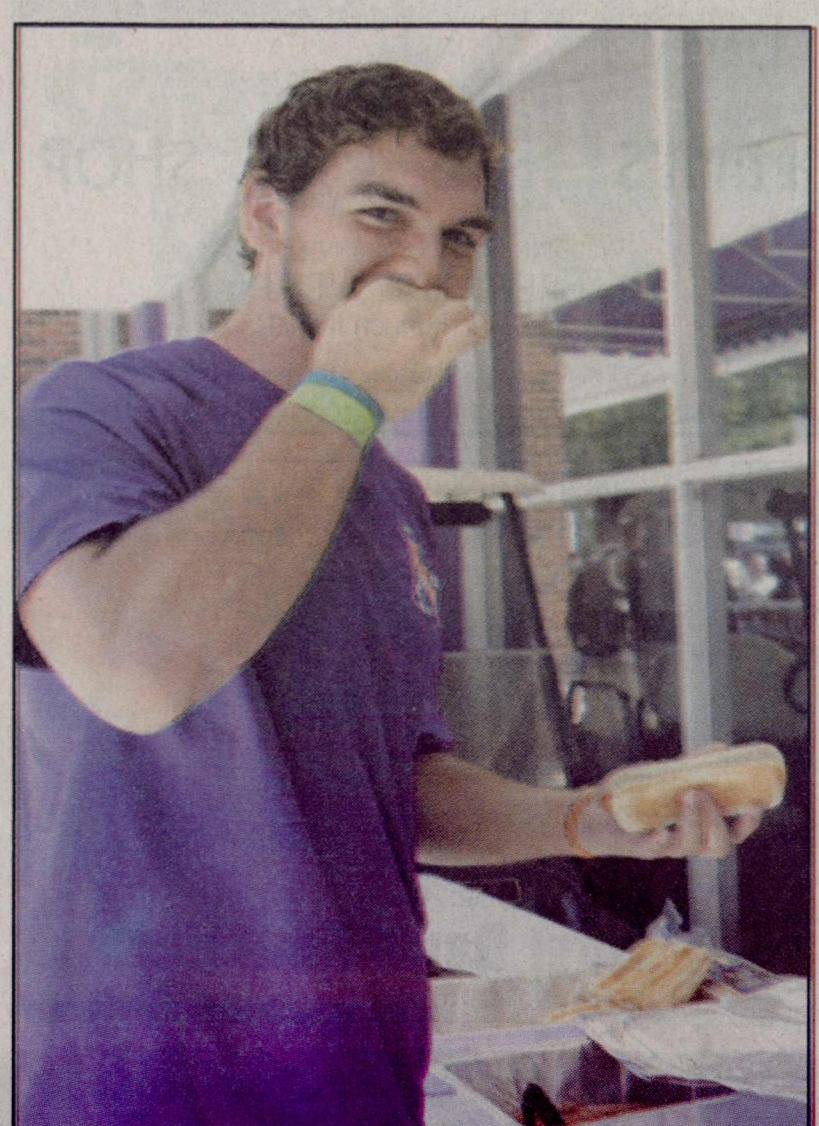


Photo by Yonna Pasch  
Jake Bryan is caught by the munching on a hotdog by the refreshment table.

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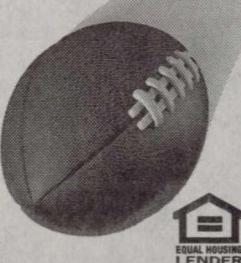
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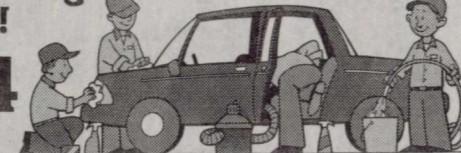


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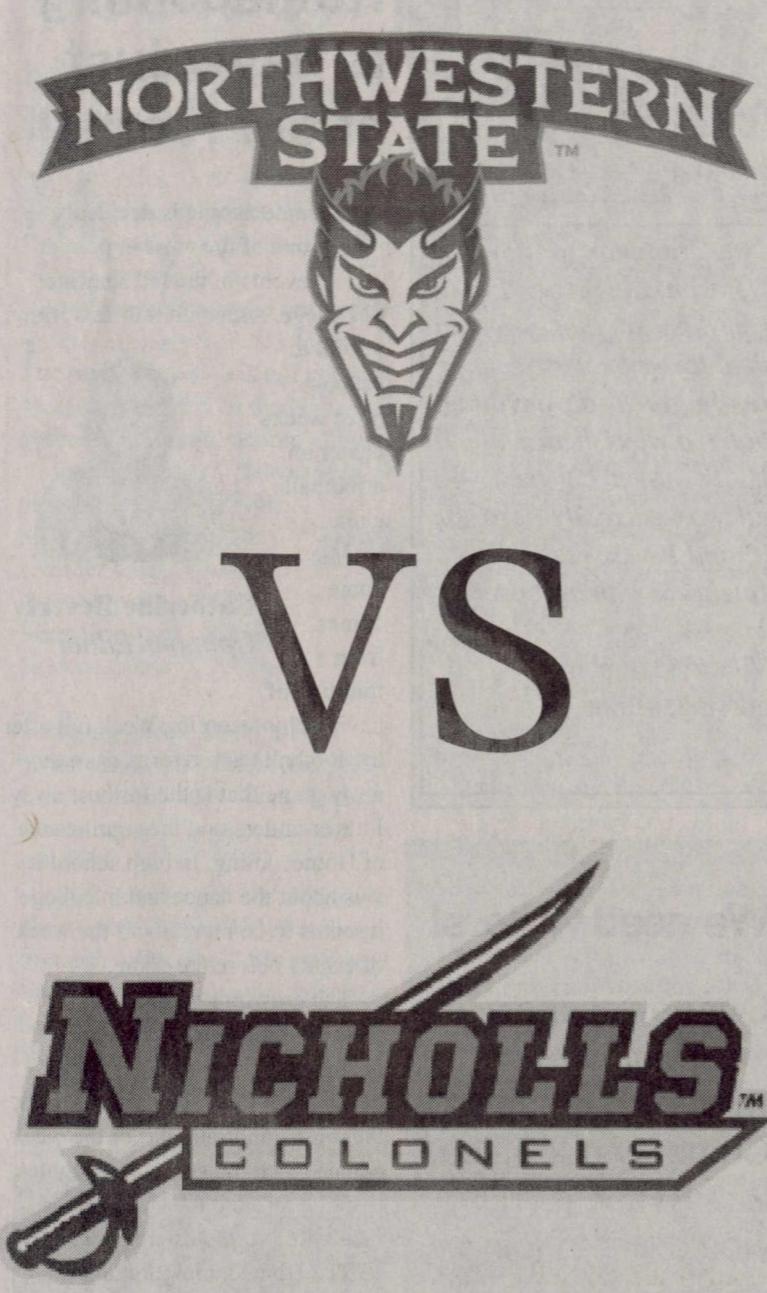
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### Schedule of Events

<b>Thursday, October 25</b>	<b>Visit our new website at northwesternalumni.com</b>
All Day	Alumni Art Show
	Hanchey Gallery (on display through Friday)
<b>Friday, October 26</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Alumni Association Board Meeting
	Red River Waterway Commission Building
10:30 a.m.	NSU Foundation Board Meeting
	Red River Waterway Commission Building
Noon	Homecoming Golf Tournament
	NSU Recreation Complex
5:30 p.m.	Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally
	The Homecoming parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m., departing campus through the main gates of the Northwestern State onto Second Street, turning east on Rue Touline and proceeding down Rue Beauport to the Fleur de Lis stage on Natchitoches's downtown riverbank. Numerous student organizations will be riding colorful floats and throwing goodies to parade-goers. The pep rally on the riverbank will feature performances by spirit groups and dancers and an introduction to the Homecoming Court and senior football players.
6:30 p.m.	Long Purple Line Cocktail Hour
	Student Union Lobby
7:00 p.m.	Demon Tennis Reunion Reception
	Health & Human Performance gymnasium
7:30 p.m.	Long Purple Line Dinner & Induction Ceremony
	Student Union Ballroom
	The President's Distinguished Service Award winner, the Graduate N Club, Hall of Distinguished Educators inductees and School of Business Hall of Distinction honorees will also be recognized.

**Saturday, October 27**

8:00 a.m.	Homecoming 5K Fun Run/1 Mile Dog Walk
	Collins Pavilion
9:00 a.m.	N Club Hall of Fame Induction
	Magale Recital Hall
10:00 a.m.	NSU Recruiter's Reception and Open House
	-Student Services Center
10:30 a.m.	College of Education & Human Development Reunion - TEC
	(Hall of Distinguished Educators Induction Ceremony)
11:00 a.m.	B.A.A. Brunch & Membership Drive
	Student Union, President's Room 214
1:00 p.m.	School of Business Reception
	Russell Hall, Natchitoches Room
	(School of Business Hall of Distinction Induction)
5:30 p.m.	Demon Regiment Open House
	James A. Noe Military Science Building
6:00 p.m.	Tailgating Activities
	Collins Pavilion/Demon Commons (Entertainment to be provided by the Glenn Rainey Band)
7:30 p.m.	Pregame Activities
	Turpin Stadium (Honorees will be recognized)
	Northwestern State vs. Nicholls State
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## NSU Speaks

**What is your favorite memory of Homecoming here at Northwestern State University?**



"I was in the band my freshman and sophomore year, and I actually really enjoyed being involved and being in the parade. I was also on a float to represent my fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha."

Robert Guidry  
graphic design, junior



"My favorite Homecoming memory would probably be freshman year, the Lip Sync event. My wife, she was in it—before I knew her—and they did this thing for Saturday Night Live. It was just wonderful."

Gary Dupree  
psychology, junior



"My favorite Homecoming memory is probably the Lip Sync. I came out to support my friends and had a good time watching all of the performances."

Linda Ahlskog  
liberal arts, junior



"My freshman year when we won Lip Sync. I'm a Phi Mu, so that was big deal for us because I never really got to do anything, but I always heard about it. It's just a big deal. We all worked really hard for it, and it was really fun to celebrate with my sisters."

Victoria Hippler  
nursing, senior

## Homecoming is never just about football

Homecoming is decidedly one of the most important events in the fall semester of college. Although it differs from school to school, most weeks center on a football game.



**Catherine Beverly**  
Opinions Editor

The name comes from a tradition of having Homecoming Week fall after the football team returns from the away game that is the furthest away. I never understood the significance of Homecoming. In high school it was about the dance and in college it seems to be more about the week of events before the game.

The crowning of the Homecoming Queen and King is obviously important, as is the designation of the court, but I think the most important part of the week comes when the community comes to gather around the students and faculty of Northwestern.

The Homecoming Parade is a fun university tradition that brings all of the students together. No matter the type of club or organization, everyone is invited to participate and represent a club.

For the first two years of my stay here at Northwestern I wasn't involved in any clubs and because of that I was never interested in Homecoming.

While everyone else was worked up over the hubbub I used the same excuse for missing every event: Lip Sync was too far out of the way, there was too much traffic to go see the parade and the banners hanging up weren't on my normal route.

This year I'm involved in a lot more on campus, which gives me a better reason to see some of the more interesting Homecoming events.

The "superhero" theme of this week is bound to be pretty awesome.

I'm expecting great things from the Lip Sync, as always.

It's a favorite of my friend and apparently a lot of fun.

A club I participate in was planning on taking part in the banner event and having a float in the parade, but Homecoming seemed to sneak up on us. While we're sad to be missing out, we are more than happy to enjoy the product of everyone else's hard work.

For a lot of students, this week is almost more important socially than athletically. I know a lot of people who talk more about the events than about the football game.

I'm not saying our Demons don't deserve support and praise, but this is a time when we can turn our attention to some of the less well-known campus activities.

I hope students on the Natchitoches campus get a chance to come out and support NSU in any way they can whether that is by participating in the events or attending them. The thing this campus is missing the most is the involvement of its students in more than academic areas.

## Sleepless week with dorm neighbors from hell

When I moved to college, I expected all of the stereotypes. I expected the good ones and the bad ones. I had hoped to become friends with everyone on my floor. All of that changed within the first two weeks of school.

My room was quite loud during the first week of school. I'm a freshman, and I get loud. After we (my roommates and I) all chilled out and got the crazy college jitters out our systems, we noticed our neighbors started to get louder.

My roommate and I would wake up around 6:30 a.m. to hear singing—very loud singing. This was very loud, awful, the-chick-thought-she-was-Mariah-Carey singing. Also, late at night at around 11 p.m., the room closest to ours would get loud.



**Camille Mosley**  
Freshman Scholar

I'm not sure if they were just talking amongst themselves, playing a game or talking on the phone. I don't know. One day, my roommate and I got sick of it. We were watching a movie when we couldn't hear the movie anymore.

Not wanting to disturb our other roommates but turning up the volume on the television, we decided to be the bigger people and go speak to our neighbors. They had previously banged on the wall in order to shush us a few nights before, so we decided to talk this out.

We expressed our concerns, apologized for being loud the previous weeks and then went about our business. For a few weeks there was harmony in the halls. Then, about a week ago, the noise started

to escalate again. They would get louder and louder, later and later at night.

Right when I wanted to file a noise complaint, one of my roommates told me that the RA lived next door. Great. How do I make a noise complaint when one of the people doing all the noise is the RA? To make matters worse, she was the singing chick.

So, I decided to take matters into my own hands. I have an 8 a.m. class on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, so I get up at seven. Around 6:30 a.m., the singing began to wake me up, so at 7, when my alarm went off, I got up and pounded on the wall. That shut her up. I hadn't heard singing in awhile.

As of last Friday, I hadn't slept for three days straight because of various reasons, but also because of the constant noise coming from across the hall.

the other side of my walls because at 12:30 a.m., I heard screams of laughter coming from the neighbor's room. They were playing some card game at 12:30 a.m. like there wasn't anyone else to worry about. I was exhausted to the point of my eyes tearing up and burning.

They sent me over the edge. No amount of banging could convey how much I needed them to shut up.

So, I got out of bed, stomped out of my room, banged on their door, and proceeded to say in a most angry voice that I had not slept in two days, my eyes burned and were tearing up from exhaustion, that I needed to be awake in less than seven hours and asked if they could please be quiet.

That sure shut them up. After that, I couldn't fall back asleep. So here I am, running on virtually empty, but a hopeful that there is civility in the midst of stupidity.

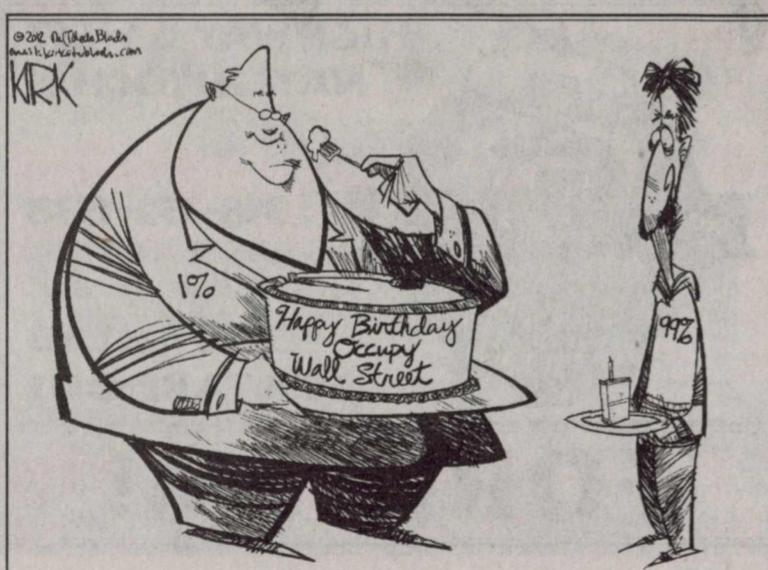
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by Linda Thistle

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## Football player spends summer researching cure for cancer

**Andrea Nedorostova**  
Staff Reporter

**M**odest is a suitable word that describes NSU kicker and punter John Shaughnessy.

Last year he was the only player to score against the LSU Tigers. Yet, he feels like he is not good enough to make it to the NFL. His dream is to change people's lives.

Shaughnessy, a 21-year-old senior biology major from Shreveport, spent this summer doing a research internship at Louisiana State University Health Science Center (LSUHSC).

Shaughnessy worked on a breast and colon cancer research with his mentor Dr. Kevin Pruitt who is an assistant professor at LSUHSC.

"This summer I spent time in Shreveport at LSUHSC doing a research internship," Shaughnessy said. "It was a 10-week internship for Louisiana Biomedical Research Network."

"I did some actual cancer

research. My project involved Wnt signaling pathway," Shaughnessy said.

Shaughnessy had an opportunity to choose which research he was interested in the most because there were different options to choose from.

After reading quick summaries of all researches that were offered, Shaughnessy decided to cooperate with Pruitt.

"I got to choose between about

30 different mentors," he said. "Not really choose but

I got to select different ones, and if they chose me I got to do my research

with them. Dr. Kevin Pruitt chose me after I chose him. My field was actually epigenetics."

"I chose breast and colon cancers because I really liked what Dr. Pruitt was doing. Every mentor had short abstract of their research and his seemed like the coolest, I really liked it," Shaughnessy said.

The findings of their research were too little to help find a cure for breast or colon cancers, but the

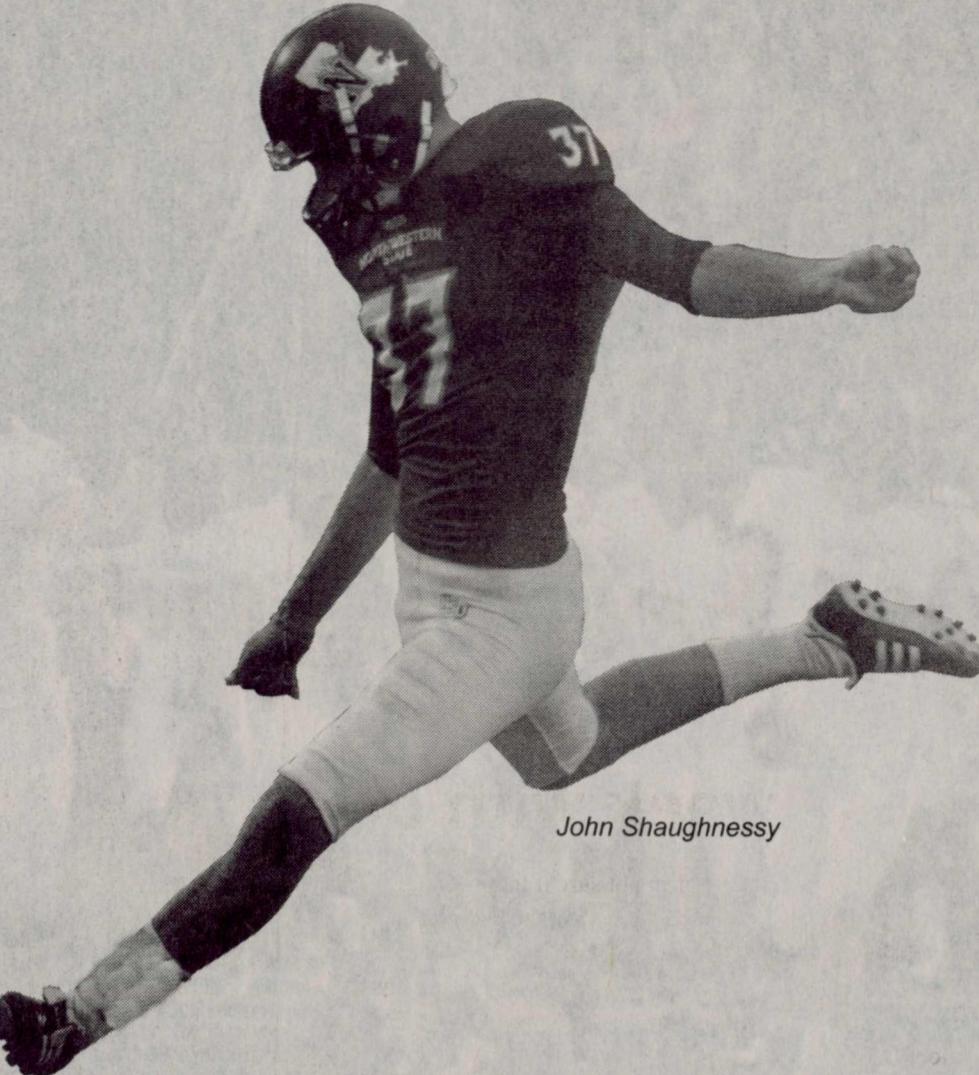
whole research was a great experience for Shaughnessy who hopes to get in medical school this year and enroll in the fall of the next year.

"I did not publish anything but I made a poster, and I went to present it to Baton Rouge," he said. "The presentation went well. I had to present to different faculty from LSU, and couple surrounding schools like Tulane."

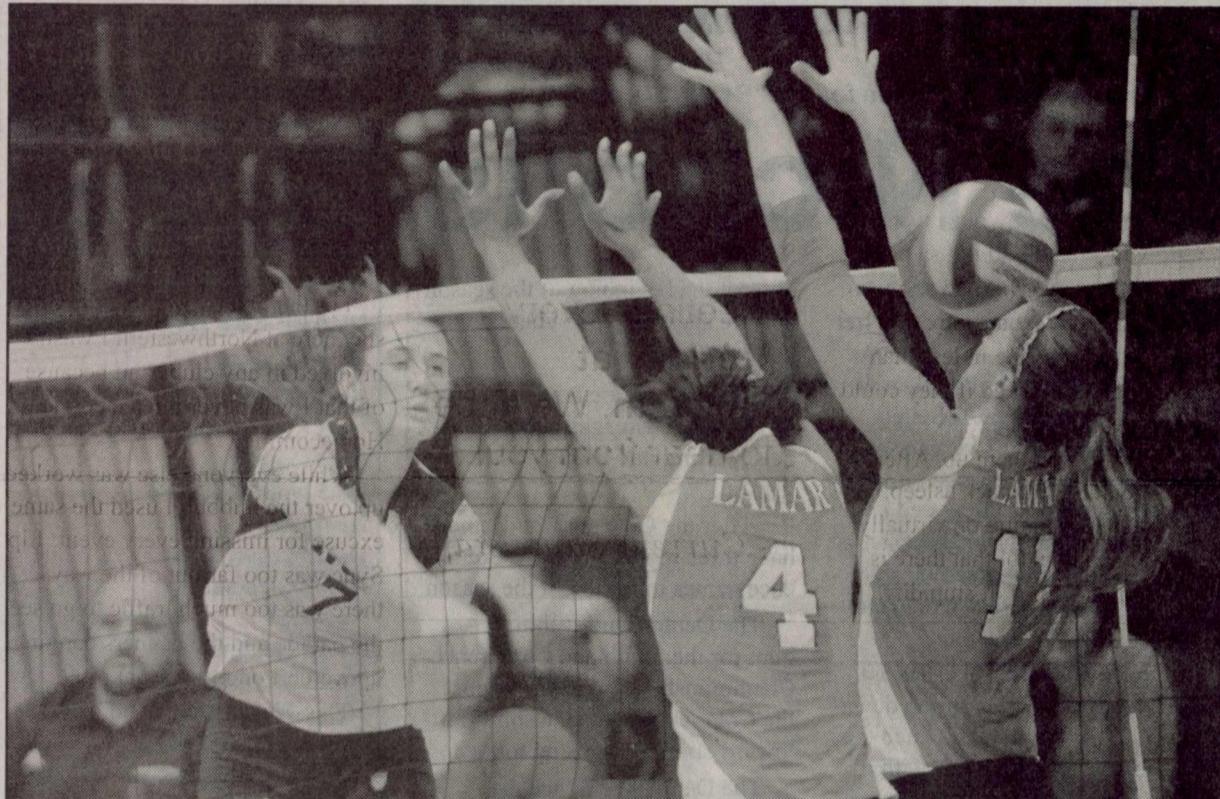
Shaughnessy tries to be a great example of a student-athlete. He tries to be proactive in everything he does.

"My life ambition is to be a successful physician one day," Shaughnessy said. "I really would like to be able one day to have my own type of practice and be able to, as cliché as it sounds, be able to change people's lives—that would be awesome."

"But I would also love to be able to continue to play football and put off medical school for a couple years," Shaughnessy said.



John Shaughnessy



Caiti O'Connell spikes the ball past two blockers. O'Connell was named SLC Player of the Week.

## Lady Demons dominant at home

**Chris Degeyter**  
Staff Reporter

The Lady Demons (16-8, 8-4) completed a streak of four home wins with victories over conference rivals Lamar (9-17, 1-11) and McNeese (6-19, 1-11).

The Lady Demons started with a strong 3-1 win against the Lamar Cardinals on Thursday night at Prather Coliseum.

After narrowly losing the first set 24-26, the Lady Demons bounced back and won the next three sets in a row, 25-19, 25-15 and 25-18.

Freshman Caiti O'Connell had a dominant performance to lead the team against the Cardinals, tallying 17 kills with a .367 kill percentage.

"O'Connell is the Player of the game, by a lot," Lady Demons coach Hugh Hernesman said.

"We just had some good hitting reps in practice this week," O'Connell said. "We had good passing, great sets and it all just worked out for us in the end."

Sophomore Emily Sweet was a major contributor to those great passes and sets, recording eight digs and 40 assists throughout the match. Sophomores Stacey DiFrancesco and Vanessa Coleman helped O'Connell on the attacking side, recording 11 kills and seven kills respectively.

The Lady Demons proceeded into another game in which they crushed the McNeese Cowgirls 3-0 on last Saturday night in Prather Coliseum.

The Lady Demons dominated the entire match against the Cowgirls and won the three sets 25-13, 25-13 and 25-16.

Once again O'Connell was the leader of the Lady Demons offense with 14 kills and a personal best .700 kill percentage. DiFrancesco also recorded her own personal best kill percentage with 10 kills and a .692 kill percentage.

"As a group, us hitting .414 is a ridiculous number," Hernesman said. "For both O'Connell and DiFrancesco to almost hit .700 as a tandem on

the outside is just unheard of."

Sophomore Keelie Arneson and DiFrancesco led the team in digs with 13 and seven respectively. Sophomore Emily Sweet was the Lady Demons assist leader with 36 assists.

"They were out of system the whole time, so they were scrambling, and we were eliminating options for them," Hernesman said.

Hernesman is assured that the team will continue to play the way which has brought them success in previous games.

"I think we need to just continue doing what we're doing," Coach Hernesman said. "We have a really determined group. I have confidence in the way we're approaching the season. We're on the right path."

The Lady Demons will take these wins as well as the two previous home wins and go back on the road to face the Nicholls Colonels in Thibodaux at 6:30 pm. on Thursday and the Southeastern Lions in Hammond at 7:00 pm. on Saturday.

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The Demons run onto the field before the start of the game. This Saturday, the Demons face off against Nicholls State in a battle for the "Real NSU Trophy."

## Demons ready to face Nicholls

**Chris Degeyter**  
Staff Reporter

After an open week, the Northwestern State Demons (3-4, 1-2 in conference) are ready to face the Nicholls State Colonels (1-5, 0-3).

Coming off of a tough 22-27 conference loss on the road to the Southeastern Lions before the off week, the Demons looked for some rest and relaxation before the upcoming game with the Colonels.

"We actually did nothing about Nicholls State for about three days," Bradley Dale Peveto, fourth-year Demon head coach, said. "We went Demons on Demons. To get our guys fresh, we stayed away from any videos or walkthroughs. It was

literally just practice. The reason for that was to get our guys fresh."

Peveto plans to implement a strategy against Nicholls throughout this week.

Peveto said the Colonels are a strong football team regardless of their record and with the rivalry between the Demons and the Colonels.

He expects Nicholls State to be one of their toughest opponents of the season despite a 1-5 record.

But the Demons will have to win that dogfight without one of their biggest offensive weapons, senior

wide receiver Philip Harvey.

Harvey was injured in the game against the Southeastern Lions.

Harvey was the team's leading receiver with 314 yards and two touchdowns on 23 catches.

He had also begun to run as a quarterback formation this season, where he reached 101 yards and a touchdown in just 12 carries.

"We have a good plan," Peveto said. "We have a lot of good

players. We have a 'next man in' concept, which means we don't fret over injury."

"We hurt more for Phil than we do the team. The team definitely will miss him and it's very upsetting, but with the 'next man in' concept somebody has to step up and get it done and somebody will. We've got a great plan going right now that will be revealed on game day."

The Demons are 3-0 at Turpin Stadium this season, a strong deviation from recent years in which the Demons typically finished with a strong away record but an abysmal home record.

Peveto attributes this to the NSU students and fans. He says Demon fans responded to his call to

arms at the beginning of the season and are showing up to cheer on the Demons.

The Demons are hoping to come away with a win against the Colonels heading into this final stretch of games.

After the Colonels, the Demons have three more Southland Conference games to finish out the season.

The Demons are still in the hunt for the Southland Conference Championship, and a win against the Colonels would be a solid start toward climbing back up to the top.

The Demons will face the Colonels at 6:00 pm. on Saturday at Turpin Stadium.

The Demons bested the Colonels in their last meeting, 34-0.

## Sports Roundup

### National Football League

The Green Bay Packers have improved over .500 for the first time this season with a dominant 30-20 performance against the St. Louis Rams.

The New Orleans Saints got their second win of the season over division rival Tampa Bay Buccaneers with a 35-28 victory and move up to second in the NFC South.

### Major League Baseball

The San Francisco Giants managed to fight back from a 1-3 deficit to win the NLCS 4-3 over the St. Louis Cardinals. They move on to face the Detroit Tigers in the World Series.

### National Basketball Association

The New Orleans Hornets lost to the Dallas Mavericks on Monday night, 74-87. The Hornets and the Mavericks are now both 3-3 in the preseason.

The Los Angeles Lakers fell to 0-6 in the preseason on Sunday night with a 92-99 loss against the Sacramento Kings, who are 4-1 in the preseason.

### Soccer

Manchester United came back to defeat Braga 3-2 after starting the game 0-2.

Christiano Ronaldo leads the Champions League with four goals, while 15 others are tied for second with two each.

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No.2	Florida	2-1
No.3	Kansas State	3-0
No.4	Oregon	3-0
No.5	Notre Dame	3-0
No.6	LSU	2-1
No.7	Oregon State	2-1
No.8	Oklahoma	2-1
No.9	USC	2-1
No.10	Georgia	2-1
No.11	Mississippi State	2-1
No.12	Florida State	2-1
No.13	South Carolina	2-1
No.14	Texas Tech	2-1
No.15	Rutgers	1-2
No.16	Louisville	1-2
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## Groundbreaking for NSU softball grandstand set for Saturday

Courtesy of Sports Info:

A groundbreaking ceremony is set for 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, during Northwestern State's Homecoming festivities to commemorate the start of construction of a new grandstand and press box facility at the Lady Demon Softball Complex.

The public is invited to the ceremony, which will be followed by a tailgating party in the Bank of Montgomery Outfield Club area of the stadium.

The day will culminate with the NSU Demons' football game at 6 in Turpin Stadium against in-state rival Nicholls State.

The \$466,000 project is funded by a combination of private gifts and student fees designated and approved for improvements to NSU Athletics facilities, said director of athletics Greg Burke, who emphasized that no state or university operating dollars will be used for the project.

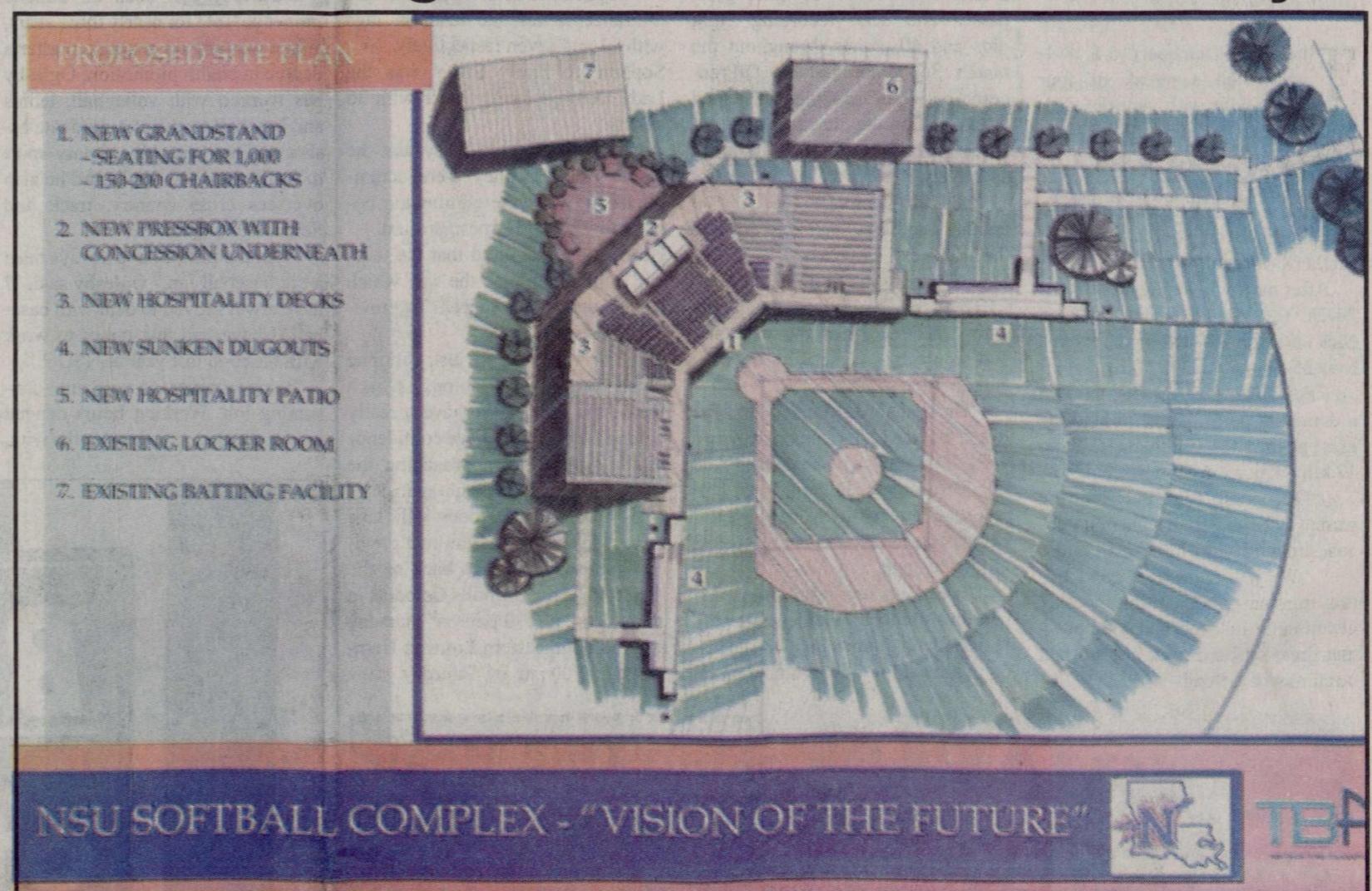
Demolition of the existing facility will begin early next month and will be completed during the 2013 season before Northwestern hosts the Southland Conference Tournament in early May.

The renovations will provide 436 seats, including 160 prime chairback locations behind home plate. The new facility will include a roof partially covering the grandstand area, which will cascade away from the backstop providing much-enhanced permanent seat locations that were not available with the old grandstand that was located nearly 20 feet away from the backstop.

Combined with other enhancements made in recent years, the construction of a new grandstand will give NSU a facility which will provide a great Division I softball setting for the players and coaches of today and tomorrow," said Burke.

"On a broader scope, the ability to complete this project with funds outside of the university and Athletic Department budget reflects a resolve to continue moving the athletic program in a positive direction and certainly sets the stage for completion of other facility projects that are on the drawing board."

About 50 percent of the private funding is already in place with chairback seating available at \$1,000, including permanent naming rights for the seats. Other naming opportunities at the facility are also available through multi-year commitments, said Burke.



The NSU Softball Complex is set to receive a makeover starting Oct. 27. The renovations will be done before the SLC Tournament.

"The initial level of support for this project has been outstanding and to those supporters, we extend a heartfelt thanks," said Burke.

"In moving forward, I am confident that more former players and other individuals, especially those who have a personal affinity for women's sports and their success,

"This is a quantum leap forward

for our program," said fourth-year NSU softball coach Donald Pickett. "This project will transform an already good facility into a great one."

It will be a super place to watch softball and to play and practice. It's going to be a huge boost for us in recruiting."

The Lady Demons will wrap up

fall workouts this month, clearing the way for construction to begin.

The regular season begins in early February with the first home appearance later that month.

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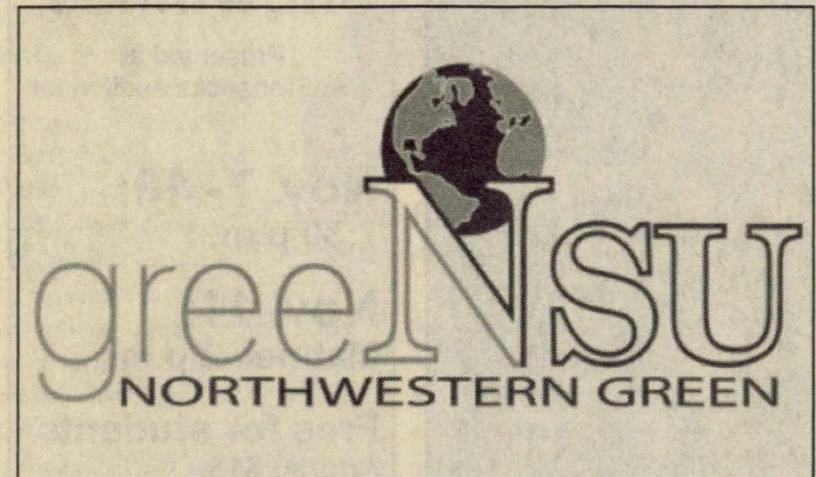
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Project raises students' awareness of recycling for campus and community.

## America Recycles Day Nov. 15

Courtesy of News Bureau

**N**orthwestern State University will commemorate America Recycles Day with a recycling awareness event from 9 a.m.-noon Thursday, Nov. 15 on the pedestrian brickway in front of Kyser Hall. The university's Student Government Association is sponsoring the program that encourages participants to sign cards to pledge

to recycle more, according to Raven Maxile of Gueydan, SGA vice president.

The student-led program is one of several coordinated through a partnership between the University of Louisiana System and Keep Louisiana Beautiful, the state's non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to litter prevention and waste reduction. The UL System and its nine universities joined forces with KLB as part of the Health Communities

Grants program. KLB has awarded the UL System \$30,000 to implement a series of projects around Louisiana.

Each school involved is going to do a service-learning project based on America Recycles Day," Maxile said. "Our campus event outside Kyser is intended to educate students about recycling. We encourage students and faculty to take the recycling pledge."

The SGA is encouraging every-

one to wear green on America Recycles Day. The SGA will provide recycle bins onsite for those who would like to drop off recyclable materials like newspapers, bottles, etc.

For the rest of this story, check out [www.news.nsula.edu](http://www.news.nsula.edu)

## Students prepare for GRE testing

Contessa Wills  
Sauce Reporter

**A**s seniors prepare for either fall graduation or their final spring semester, many are also preparing to sit for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). A requirement for admittance in most graduate level programs, the GRE is a standardized test that assesses a student's readiness for graduate studies.

The GRE is made up of three parts: verbal and quantitative reasoning and analytical writing. The verbal reasoning section tests one's ability to summarize ideas, understand the meanings of words using contextual evidence, analyze the relationship(s) between words and understand the logic of the given texts.

There will be two verbal reasoning sections, each with 20 questions. There are three types of questions on this part of the test: text completion, sentence equivalence and reading comprehension. Problem-solving abilities are tested in the quantitative reasoning section of the exam. Like verbal reasoning, there are two sections with 20 questions for the quantitative

reasoning portion as well. Algebra and geometry will be tested, but calculus and trigonometry will not be tested. The skills measured in this section are logical thinking and information application.

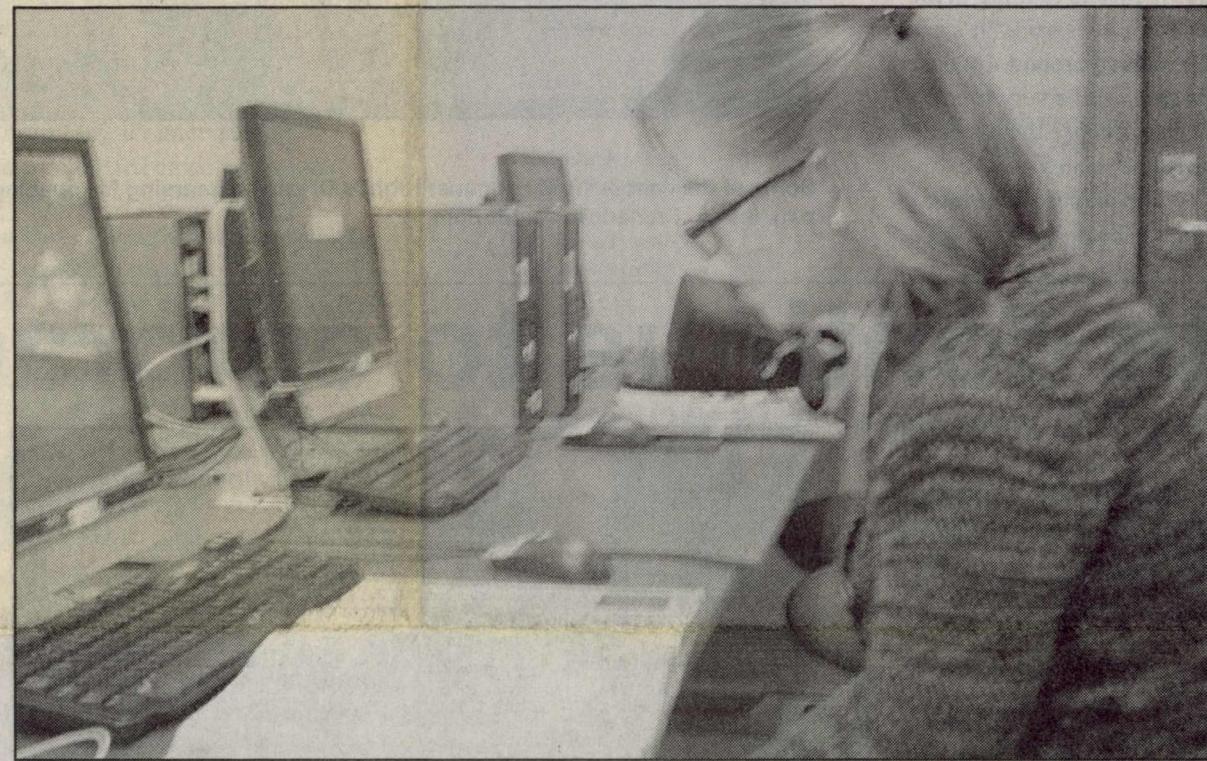
Critical thinking and writing skills will be tested on the analytical writing section. Students will write two essays in this portion of the exam. One of the essays will require students to choose one of two topics and form a believable argument. The other essay will require that students evaluate a given argument.

Angela McIntyre, a senior psychology and addiction studies major, will soon take the GRE. She has decided to sit for the exam so that she may continue her education and obtain a master's degree in psychology.

"I would have to say that quantitative reasoning would be the most difficult subject for me," McIntyre said. "I don't care for math as much. That's the area I tend to struggle with and avoid."

Because of this, McIntyre has decided to hire a private tutor to help her prepare for the upcoming exam.

Senior English major Patrick Key has already taken the GRE. To prepare for the exam he purchased



Senior Bethany LaVergne, a liberal arts with a concentration in scientific theory major, takes a moment for GRE preparation. It is recommended that students begin preparing for the GRE at least four to 12 weeks before taking the exam.

a book from Amazon and studied throughout the summer. For him the most difficult part of the exam was the quantitative reasoning because he struggles with math. The verbal reasoning and analytical reasoning sections, however, were a breeze. He advises students to practice

their writing skills and expect random questions on the analytical writing exam." How random? Think superheroes and media.

Sarah McFarland, department head of language & communication and associate professor of English, emphasizes the importance of

taking the GRE.

"The GRE is important in evaluating graduate admission applications because it is one of the few indicators designed to estimate student ability and future success in a particular subject or graduate program and is

statistically normed," McFarland said. "Correspondingly, it puts individual students into a percentile ranking based on the scores of all recent examinees, which is useful because although all 4.0 GPAs are not the same, all 1000 GRE scores are the same. However, it is also important for students facing their GRE exams to know that admissions committees recognize the flaws in this kind of measurement, too. GRE scores are only one component of graduate applications and are typically considered of equal or lesser importance than your scholastic record as a whole and the quality of your personal statement, letters of recommendation, and other application materials."

Interested students must register for the GRE online at [www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre), by phone (1-800-529-3590) or by mail. After completing registration, students will receive a voucher. This voucher and an acceptable form of I.D. (i.e., state issued I.D. or driver's license) must be given to the test administrator on the day of the exam.

For more information on GRE testing, visit <http://www.ets.org/gre>.

## Students and faculty continue to be an advocate for cancer awareness

Ty Johnson  
News Editor

Jarred Roberts  
Sauce Reporter

**Y**onna Pasch has spent the last year battling cancer. The director of student activities wants to use her experience to help students. Pasch has been a motivational speaker, helped to raise funds to fight cancer and regularly blogs about cancer awareness.

This month several campus organizations have sponsored events for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. One of these events was the Student Activities Board's "What's Your Normal?" Pasch described her experiences and the signs of cancer young women may detect. "You are your best advocate,"



Yonna Pasch shared her personal story on the Student Activities Board's "What's Your Normal?" Pasch said, "You need to know yourself and if something is not normal, go and ask for help."

Pasch and some friends also

participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Alexandria earlier this month. The local event raised \$80,000.

Orange Leaf, NSU's chapter of Up Til' Dawn also works to aid cancer victims and to spread cancer awareness. Michael Stephenson is the campus executive director.

"I've never had anyone close to me have cancer," Stephenson said. "So when Yonna had me at the panel for 'Know Your Normal,' she is the closest person to me to be diagnosed. Her being diagnosed has opened my eyes."

Stephenson said he is passionate about children's cancer because 10,000 children are diagnosed each year. "I wanted to be a part of something bigger than myself," Stephenson said.

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### Student Messenger Update

**Fall Wind Ensemble**  
Magale Recital Hall  
Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m.

**Voter Awareness Informational**  
(In front of Vic's)  
Nov. 1, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

**\*St. Jude's Give Thanks Walk**  
540 Boardwalk Blvd.  
Bossier City  
Nov. 17

**\*Check your student email to register for this event**

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## NSU presents 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

**Jessica Blow**  
Sauve Reporter

I imagine yourself looking for love in colonial India with mystical creatures. This will be the setting next week for NSU's production of Shakespeare's comical play "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

A cast of 24 will create the story of two couples trying to fall in love. The play begins with two men falling in love with the same woman who only likes one of the men while her friend likes (the man her friend doesn't like). One couple runs off into the woods, and the other couple runs after them.

The King of Fairies pours a potion onto their eyes to make them fall in love with the right person. They each end up falling in love with the wrong person. Then, both men fall in love with the other woman. Eventually, they all fall in love with the right person.

The cast has seven leads:

- **Titania** (Queen of the Fairies) played by Nina Breeland
- **Oberon** (King of the Fairies) played by Kwame Lily
- **Puck** (King's henchman)

played by Will Sawyer

**Couples:**

- **Demetrius** played by Zach Judge
- **Helena** played by Sarah Roberts
- **Lysander** played by Tim Sandifer
- **Hermia** played by Victoria Olivier

"It's been kind of fun to create these characters," Andrew Lewis, director, said. "It's been set in Colonial India so it's not set in your standard Shakespeare play."

Lewis is in his second year as the director of musical theatre, and he added his own twist to the play by casting women in traditional men's roles.

Lewis started working on "A Midsummer Night's Dream" last spring.

At least 90 students auditioned and over the summer, Lewis kept in contact with his design team. Rehearsals began Sept. 8.

"The play is very active with the characters running in the forest," Lewis said. "It's a lot of fun running around. By the end the cast will be very tired."

Lewis chose the play because everyone relates to love.

"The play is about love, he said. "Who doesn't like love?"



Submitted Photo

Some of the cast of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" rehearsing for opening night, to be held on Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

### Showtimes

Presented at  
A.A. Fredericks Auditorium

**Nov. 7-10:**  
7:30 p.m.

**Nov. 11:**  
Matinee 2 p.m.

**Free for students**  
**Adults: \$15.**

**Children 12 and under:**  
**\$12.**

**Seniors 65 and older:**  
**\$12**

## Students continue to embrace Halloween

**Camille Mosley**  
Freshman Scholar

I t's here! It's here! The season of goblins and ghouls is here! Bust out the fake blood and plastic zombie limbs! Halloween is probably one of the most popular times of the year because television networks play some of the best horror movies and decorations in traditional Halloween colors can be spotted everywhere.

Halloween is an ancient tradition that is revered in several different cultures. Irish and Scottish immigrants carried versions of the tradition to North America in the 19th century.

Other western countries embraced the holiday in the late 20th century including Ireland, the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the United Kingdom as well as

Australia and New Zealand.

It is thought to have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (som-ween), when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated Nov. 1 as a time to honor all saints and martyrs; the holiday, All Saints' Day, incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain.

The evening before was known as All Hallows' Eve and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a secular, community-based event characterized by child-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating.

In a number of countries around the world, as the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, people continue to usher in the winter season with gatherings, costumes and candy.

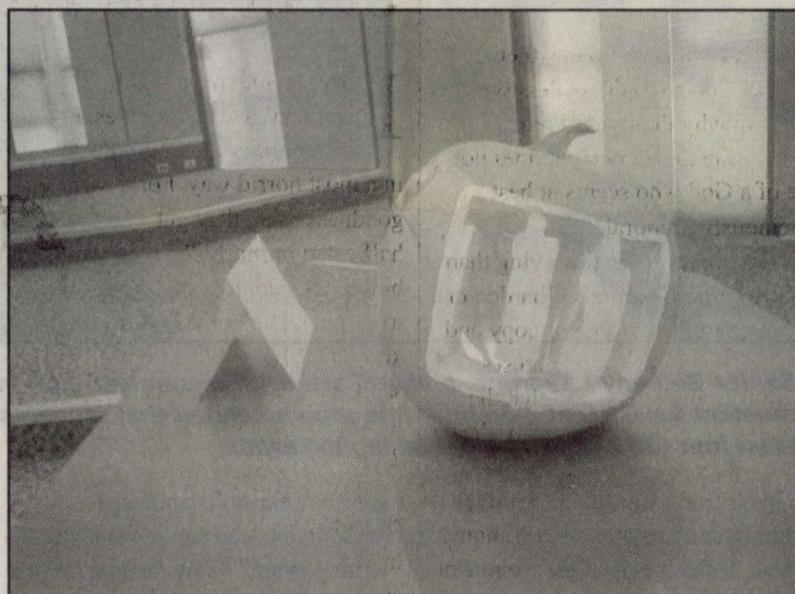


Photo courtesy of KNWD's Richard Sharp and Taylor Furr

A Jack-O-Lantern carved by an NSU student submitted to KNWD 91.7 FM The Demon's "Attack of the Jack-O-Lanterns" contest.

Tradition is what makes Halloween so special. Some of the traditions included during Halloween involve trick-or-

treat, haunted houses, decorations, costumes, parties and bonfires.

Many students here at

Northwestern have Halloween traditions of their own.

Hanna Merida, freshman biology major, has one such tradition involving the Hispanic All Hallow's Eve.

"As a child, my dad would take my brother and I to the cemetery to visit and bless old graves of our past relatives," Merida said. "Afterwards, to keep my mom's traditions, we would go trick-or-treating!"

Another tradition comes from Hannah Galloway, a freshman biology major.

"My family carved pumpkins the day before Halloween, and the day of Halloween, my mom would make chili," Galloway said. "The kids would go trick-or-treating while the adults had a party under the carport and handed out candy."

Halloween is also a time to dress up and become whomever or whatever one's imagination can think of. It

is a time when communities come together to spend lots of money on candy, decorations, and costumes in order to be the most frightening on the block.

Speaking of frightening, Spencer Dohmann, freshman CIS major, used to help his family put on a haunted house every year.

"My mother's favorite holiday was Halloween," Dohmann said. "Every October, we went all out with decorations, turned the garage into a mini haunted house and dressed the part."

"We bought fog machines, and we had guillotines—the whole nine yards," Dohmann added. "We would coordinate our outfits with the décor. For example, one year we had a lot of skeletons, so my brother and I dressed as skeletons and jumped out at people who thought we were decorations."

## Celebrating the Halloween lifestyle

E veryday we assume our daily roles as students and must dress the part.

**Jacob Labutka**  
College fashion Style Columnist

ly diverse, but

almost everyone has a consistent style they subconsciously adhere to.

However, when the spirits of those beyond the grave come back for the night our wild sides can come out in all shapes and styles.

We certainly don't have to pretend to be witches who arose after the lighting of the black flame candle. But if you choose to dress as Sarah Jessica Parker in "Hocus Pocus" and have a mortal bus boy by your side then I commend you.

Impersonations bring the dead alive in costumes that are as tame as a nun to as sinister as a weeping angel from "Doctor Who" (they are ridiculously creepy by the way).

As adults we now wear costumes solely for our own self-gratification without being able to receive candy from neighborhood strangers. We must face a harsh reality: if we want candy this Halloween we must to go to Wal-Mart and buy bags full of

it ourselves.

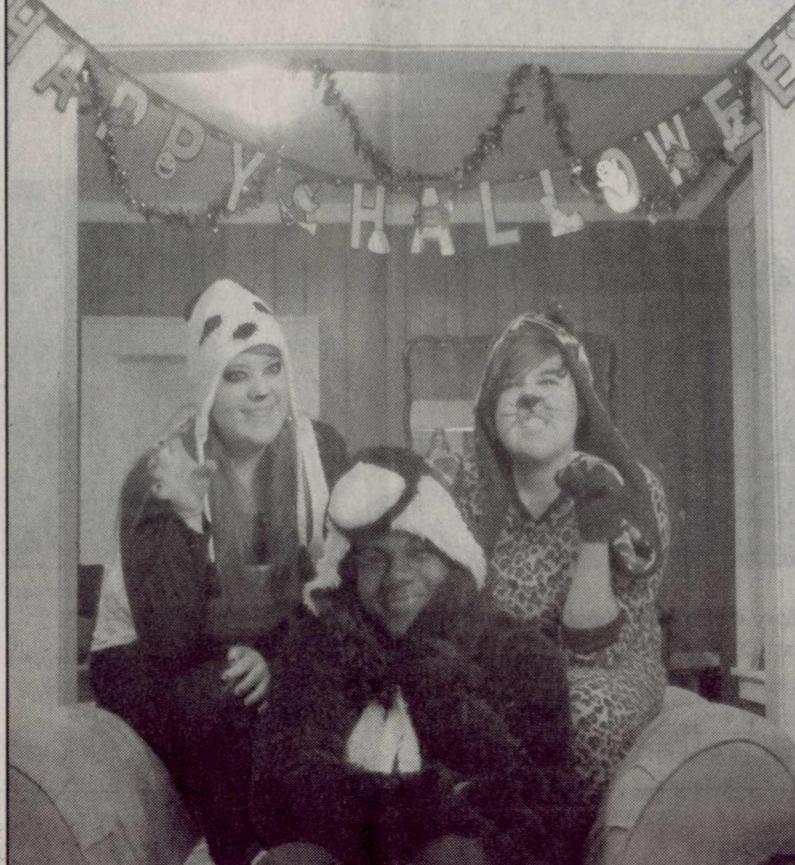
I assume most of you either have your costumes or are choosing to only celebrate Halloween by partying. However, some people (like myself) have absolutely no clue what character or political figure we will attempt to impersonate this year.

Sometimes when we have no costume ideas, we have to get cheap and desperate. The cheapest and quickest costume is to be a zombie. Tear up a shirt, slap some red paint on and look absolutely filthy like you're ready to eat an unsuspecting civilian or impersonate Kesha.

If this still proves to be too much effort, then you can just be a ghost. Everyone has sheets on their bed and if for some reason you don't then you can be a ghost that's covered with a snugly blanket.

Better yet, you could also be your favorite "Jersey Shore" character by applying a lot of bronzer and wearing some form of animal print.

If you really have no ideas, then make up for your lack of costume by getting in the Halloween spirit by carving a pumpkin. You can buy a pumpkin for a few dollars and find carving ideas online or in a



Submitted Photo  
From left, Rebecca Lefante, Victoria Kwantua, and Linda Ashlaskog, celebrate Halloween by dressing up as a panda, a penguin and a cat.

carving kit.

The moral of the story is that you should use this time to gather with friends and act just as silly as you always do, except with costumes

on. Like every holiday, Halloween only comes once a year so you should celebrate it by consuming as much candy and having as many good times as possible.



Submitted Photo  
Halloween style variation to traditional pigs in a blanket. The mummy can be made with a few ingredients and little preparation.

## Mummy Dogs

A spooky twist on pigs in a blanket

Recipe Courtesy of  
Makelifeedelicious.com

**Ingredients:**

1 can (8 oz) crescent rolls or 1 can (8 oz) Crescent Recipe Creations refrigerated flaky dough sheet  
2 1/2 slices American cheese, quartered  
10 large hot dogs  
Cooking spray  
Mustard or ketchup, if desired

**Directions:**

1. Heat oven to 375°F.
2. If using crescent rolls: Unroll dough; separate at perforations, creating 4 rectangles. Press perforations to seal. If using dough sheet: Unroll dough; cut into 4 rectangles.
3. With knife or kitchen scissors (I used a pizza cutter), cut each rectangle lengthwise into 10 pieces, making a total of 40 pieces of dough.
4. Slice cheese slices into quarters (1/2 slice cheese, cut in half).
5. Wrap 4 pieces of dough around each hot dog and 1/4 slice of cheese to look like "bandages," stretching dough slightly to completely cover hot dog. About 1/2 inch from one end of each hot dog, separate "bandages" so hot dog shows through for "face."
6. On ungreased large cookie sheet, place wrapped hot dogs (cheese side down); spray dough lightly with cooking spray.
7. Bake 13 to 17 minutes or until dough is light golden brown and hot dogs are hot.
8. With mustard (or ketchup), draw features on "face." (Put condiment into a zip-close bag, cut the corner tip off and draw the faces that way.)
9. Enjoy!

## Prejudiced parents prevent progeny's preferred pick

When you're picking out a costume for Halloween, it's hard enough to find something you want without constricting yourself to something your gender should wear.

When I was roaming the aisles of Goodwill, I didn't spurn any corded sweaters that might work for a costume of BBC's John Watson. I even looked out for any blue and orange striped shirts that I could use to pull off a cheap costume for "Teen Wolf's" Derek Hale.

I couldn't find anything that worked, as this is Natchitoches, but



**Catherine Beverly**  
*Opinions Editor*

I would have gotten pretty upset if someone had told me that I couldn't wear those costumes because they were for boys. I didn't even think that was a big deal today, but according to an episode of "What Would You Do?", it is a problem many children in the U.S. are faced with.

The skit involved two actors, a child and a mother, shopping for Halloween costumes

at a department store. None of the other customers are actors. The boy actor was telling his mother (also an actor) that he wanted to be a Disney princess. The mother was hesitant and tried to talk him out of it,

something I can almost understand. Children, and even adults, are pretty cruel and probably wouldn't turn down a chance to mock a boy for being dressed as a princess.

Several customers approached the mother, almost ignoring the child, and told her that it was just a phase and that she just had to give him a definite "No!" The boy put the costume over his clothes and when he returned the customer with the mother recoiled at the sight of him. If this had been a real incident, that woman would have been cementing in that child's head that he can't be what he wants.

The next scene had a little girl as the child and she wanted to be Spiderman. I saw that and

immediately thought the situation would change. It wasn't as stigmatized for girls to dress as boys, right? Apparently I was wrong again. A woman approached the adult actress and told her that she needed to "nip it in the bud." "It" being the little girl's desire to be Spiderman and, indirectly, unique behavior.

I heard that and I have to admit that I had a little aneurism. This stranger was telling a mother, in front of her child, to nip her desire to be a strong leader in the bud. A minute later a bystander steps in to support the child's decision to be Spiderman.

After the show, she tells the camera that she interfered because

of the previous woman's comment. She was afraid the stranger was hurting the child's feelings and admitted that it might have sounded a bit like the woman was trying to tell the mother how to not let her kid become gay.

The fact that there are people that think Halloween costumes are how people realize they are gay disgusts me a little. Little boys shouldn't be forced to emulate soldiers and ninjas, two costumes a customer suggests for the first child actor. When a woman asked the boy if he wanted to be a soldier, he responded with a simple, "War is bad."

For little girls it shouldn't be a choice between Tinker Bell and a

cat. Wanting to be Spiderman isn't an indicator of your sexuality, it's an indicator of your personality.

The woman that supported the girl's decision to be Spiderman simply told the mother that her daughter had a strong desire to be a hero, to save people. That was what those people were trying to "nip in the bud."

So, when your children ask you if they can be something for Halloween that seems a bit non-traditional, think about it first. If you truly fear for your child's safety, something that we still have to worry about in this day and age, than you could try to compromise. Otherwise, let your child express his or herself – it won't hurt anyone.

## Proclaiming miracles: Part one

Keep in mind that when I say "offensive" I don't use the word lightly. If you are offended by the less-than-wholesome content on HBO, I don't care, HBO really doesn't care and nobody else should, either.

If you are offended by the burning of American flags or depictions of the Prophet Mohammed, feel free to rant about it but don't expect me to empathize. Symbols are what we make them, and a smoking piece of cloth or a vanilla set of Norwegian cartoons is powerless to affect your life in any way whatsoever – unless you let it.

Most of the time when people claim offense they are playing the victim in a victimless crime, and I can see why. It grants them a certain kind of power. They are suddenly allowed to cry foul and bristle with oh-so-righteous indignation because some poorly-trained politician took his umpteenth verbal misstep. They feel important, and with that desire, at least, I can empathize.

But there is an ocean of difference between Governor Mitt Romney's proverbial binders of women and Todd Akin's discussion of "legitimate rape," in which he propagates the myth that rape victims automatically shut down their reproductive systems ("by way of womanly magic" seems to be the predominant medical theory).

In the former case, the Romney merely substituted the phrase "binders of women" for "binders of women's qualifications." While it wasn't the best phrasing, to claim that it was driven by some kind of underlying sexist compulsion is pure pedantry. Perhaps it was, and perhaps the President Obama really is a Muslim, but probably not. In this case, the benefit of the doubt is owed, and if we withhold it, we rob our legitimate complaints of their merit.

The latter scenario, however, involves a United States senator not only demonstrating a contemptible capacity for immediately believing and subsequently repeating insane myths – provided that they aid his agenda, of course – but then suggesting that the myth in question be considered when drawing up abortion legislation. This second scenario is offensive to me in a meaningful way. It is radical and dangerous. When I say, "miracle testimony is offensive to me," this is the kind of offense to which I refer.

It may seem a stretch to connect the psychotic ramblings of a scarily out-of-touch senator with the good-natured claim that God is responsible for triumph over cancer, and there is a slight but important difference: I feel no hostility towards most miracle criers. In large part, they are ordinary people who quite badly want to see God's handiwork in their strokes of fortune.

With this, too, I may at least sympathize. I imagine that if I believed in God, I would feel somewhat safer thinking that an ill family member was in benevolent hands, and, should my loved one pull through, I might then extend thanks to that benevolence. If I didn't take a moment to think, I might even cry "miracle." But it would be wrong to do so.

I don't feel hostility towards these claimants, but I feel substantial hostility towards their claims. Let us imagine a hypothetical illness with a survival rate of around five percent, or one out of 20. Let us now imagine exactly twenty patients, all of whom have contracted this fictional illness. If the percentages hold,



**Justin Woodard**  
*Guest columnist*

then nineteen of them succumb to the illness.

Upon discovering that he is healthy, the surviving patient – the five percent – returns home, astonished and overjoyed, and tells his family and his friends and his coworkers that he never stopped praying. God pulled him from the fire. It's a miracle. And so what if he wants to celebrate his God, to thank Him for intervening?

Even I have wondered on occasion – and I'm sure we've all witnessed or heard of similar situations – if there's really anything too wrong with this picture.

And then I remember the 19 dead people.

The sin is in the suggestion: 19 people slipped away, unnoticed or uncared for by the same hands that saved our hypothetical patient from death.

If one man's unlikely survival is a miracle, then what do we call 19 deaths? God's wrath? Unless we formulate some theory as to why the five percent deserves God's attention while the 95 percent does not, then we paint a picture of a God who seems at best callous, and at worst heinously immoral.

Well, perhaps our survivor was more deserving than the rest, one might object. Perhaps he prayed harder, or slipped a few more dollars into the coffers, or copy and pasted a few more guilt-inducing Facebook statuses. Are these God's criteria for living? I contend that the notion of some holy criteria by which one lives or dies contains a kind of sly wickedness.

It is of course glaringly apparent (read: not so sly) when it accompanies the opposite of miracle testimony, as was seen last year on Dec. 15, the day that prominent atheist and contrarian Christopher Hitchens died after a long bout with esophageal cancer.

To recall one of the more disturbing (and puerile) titles on YouTube: "Christopher Hitchens isn't an Atheist... Anymore!" The video goes on to detail how and why God bestowed cancer upon the famed journalist. (I know a man with lung-cancer – a devout Christian. The video did not say whether or not this was a gift from God.)

As I said, in this behavior there is an obvious wickedness. But it is as present in miracle testimony, merely from the other, slyer side of the gap. Whether we like it or not, when we claim that a supernatural force intervened on our behalf, we divide ourselves from the less fortunate.

We claim moral superiority or a more valuable principled existence. We sweep the narratives of the dead or dying into a terribly sad category – those children that God forgot.

Even more concerning is the purpose to which a great number (though certainly not all) of these testimonies are put called proselytization. These testimonies range from the grave (and false) business of paraplegics suddenly finding their legs to a much cheaper, circus-trick kind of persuasion.

It is an old and oft-employed kind of salesmanship. "Look what X (their name) did for me! You, too, can have your lost pets returned to you, with just a little help from the hereafter."

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## Survive the apocalypse: Know your zombies

I happen to have a highly irrational fear of zombies. For me, zombies personify death in a most horrid way. For goodness sake, they get half eaten or morbidly bitten, then come back to eat you. But one must know which zombie he or she is up against in order to survive the dreaded Zombie Apocalypse.

If a zombie is in "Resident Evil 1 and 2" (and possibly number three) then one may have a likely chance of surviving. These zombies are slow and the T-virus hasn't evolved yet to become those face-splitting things. Also, one may be in luck if the zombies are "Shaun of the Dead" zombies, which are also slow.

The next and scarier types of zombies are the "rage virus" zombies. These are zombies that don't exactly eat people, but rather maul and mutilate them. They are controlled by an unbelievable rage that causes the zombies to lose sight

of everything but the basic instincts.

Now, if the zombies are like the ones in "Resident Evil: Afterlife" and "Resident Evil: Retribution," then that would be a definite cause for concern. The T-virus has mutated and now the zombies can open up their faces and dig through walls and floors. That means

they can get through one's defenses if he or she has a seemingly impenetrable wall.

There is another not-as-well-known type of zombie that could be potentially extremely dangerous. This zombie is known as the "conscious zombie." These zombies live outside the human race and have started to develop a form of consciousness. That means that they are smart and can use weapons.

Also, there are various other types of zombies out there. There are the inverted dogs, the hunters, and the executioners. The inverted dogs are those creepy Dobermanns



**Camille Mosley**  
*Freshman Scholar*

that have been turned inside out somehow.

The hunters are those creatures that have been almost morphed completely into giant, inverted animals. They have extremely large claws, with long tongues, the brain is often shown and hunters run on all four limbs.

Last are the executioners. Executioners are often large, mutated beings that carry around obscenely large scythes or axes and have pyramid-like objects on their heads. I'm not quite sure how they came to be, but I'm sure it has to do with a virus mutation and large amount of laboratory tests conducted on them.

There are ways to avoid becoming a zombie, a few ways being on those \$4 posters at Walmart. Another good guide to surviving the zombie apocalypse is to watch "Zombieland" because there are some good points, not to mention watching every other zombie movie out there.

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- Current Sauce staff

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# Demons edge out Colonels, 27-26

Christopher Degeyer  
Staff Reporter

The Demons (4-4, 2-2 in conference) triumphed in their annual Homecoming game over the Nicholls State Colonels (1-6, 0-4), 27-26. The victory keeps the Demons alive in the hunt for the Southland Conference Championship. It also puts them one game away from going undefeated at home this season.

The Demons opened strong, leading the Colonels 21-9 early in the second quarter. The Colonels were able to rally back and score 17 unanswered points to lead 21-26 going into the fourth quarter. The Demons took control of the game again in the fourth quarter with a strong defensive effort. A pair of field goals from senior kicker John Shaughnessy finished the game with the 27-26 win.

"It's not too hard to go out there and kick when you've got a field goal unit like I do with wonderful protection up front, and the best holder and snapper I could ask for," Shaughnessy said. "All I have to do is focus on my job. It was easy."

The difference of one point in the final score cannot be understated. After the first touchdown by the Colonels, senior safety Jamaal White blocked the extra point kick. That



Photo by Gary Hardamom - NSU Photography Services

Freshman running back Daniel Taylor jogs into the end zone on a 55-yard run. NSU Demons beat the Nicholls Colonels, 26-27.

blocked kick was the difference between victory and overtime. White also picked up his 10th interception of the year while he aided the Demons in their defensive push.

That defensive push is defined by

the Demons totaling four sacks and only allowing the Colonels 49 yards in the entire second half.

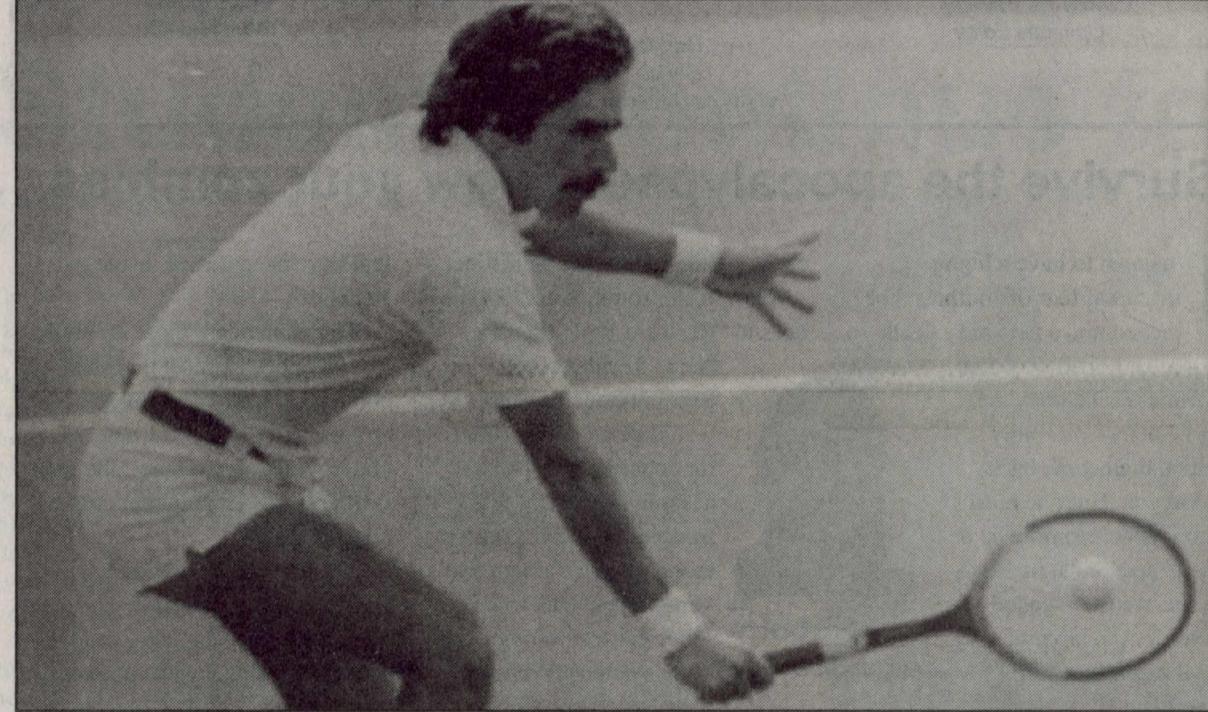
However, the win came without senior wide receiver Philip Harvey. Harvey was at the core of the Demon

offense before an injury in the 22-27 loss to the Southeastern Lions ended his season.

Some of the slack from Harvey's loss was picked up by freshman tailback Daniel Taylor. Taylor scored

his fifth touchdown in just 32 touches in his college career.

Taylor said the offense saw the defense trying to bring pressure on the edges, and so called a run up the middle. He saw an opening in the



Submitted photo

Ricardo Acuna came to NSU in 1975. He among 25 former players that returned for Homecoming.

## NSU tennis legend came back

Andrea Nedorostova  
Sauce Reporter

NSU had a reunion of 25 alumni tennis players last Friday night at the Health and Human Performance Building. Alumni came to the reunion not only from all over the U.S., but also from all over the world.

Johnnie Emmons, former NSU tennis head coach, was the first tennis head coach to bring international tennis players to represent NSU. Among them was a Wimbledon quarterfinalist of 1985—Ricardo Acuna who came to NSU from Chile in 1975.

"When I came to NSU, it was five of us from Chile," Acuna said. "Two of my teammates went back home because they were homesick, but I enjoyed it here. At the beginning when I came to NSU, I didn't speak English, and I probably knew

only two words. Emmons would get mad at us because we would speak only Spanish, and we were making a lot of pranks on everybody."

Acuna's professional tennis career lasted 11 years, from 1978 to 1989. He considers the Wimbledon Quarterfinal in 1985 as his biggest tennis accomplishment. In this prestigious Grand Slam, Acuna defeated tennis stars Pat Cash and David Pate before losing to Jimmy Connors.

Also, Acuna won three doubles titles during his professional tennis career. His highest ranking in the world was No. 47 in singles, and No. 45 in doubles. Acuna was also a member of Chile's Davis Cup Team.

During his junior days, Acuna was ranked No. 1 in Chile among players among the ages of 14, 16 and 18. When Acuna played collegiate tennis at NSU, he earned All-American honors in 1979.

The same year, he won silver medal

in singles and doubles at Pan American games.

"I really enjoyed all four years that I was at NSU," Acuna said. I have a lot of great memories from here. Later in life, when I was traveling, I would always try to come back to Natchitoches to see coach Emmons and his wife. NSU has changed a lot since the time I studied here."

After his retirement as a professional tennis player, Acuna worked as a tennis director at the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Headquarters in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Then, he became a national men's tennis coach while working for the United States Tennis Association (USTA).

Recently, Acuna opened a tennis academy in Boca Raton, Fla. where he currently works there as a tennis coach.

## Lady Demons sweep Southeastern

Courtesy of Sport Info:

Mackenzie Neely and Stacey DiFrancesco led the way for the Northwestern State volleyball team as the Lady Demons defeated Southeastern Louisiana in a 3-0 sweep on Saturday afternoon.

The 25-14, 25-16, 25-15 win increases the Lady Demons winning streak to six matches and moves them up to 18-8 overall and 10-4 in Southland Conference play. The Lady Lions fall to 10-15, 5-10.

The 10 SLC wins are the most in NSU volleyball history.

"It feels good to get this win in particular," said NSU co-head coach Hugh Hernesman. "Not necessarily because it's the 10th win but because I think the next couple of weeks are going to be pretty challenging."

Neely and DiFrancesco combined for 28 kills, hammering down 14 apiece. DiFrancesco also tacked on nine digs while Neely added seven digs and two aces.

Emily Sweet quarterbacked the offense, putting up 38 assists.

"Emily Sweet did a great job distributing the ball," said Hernesman. "We wanted to get Mackenzie going again on the right and I thought she set the right side very well."

Keelie Arneson set the pace defensively, digging up 20 attacks.

"Keelie silently gets her digs,"

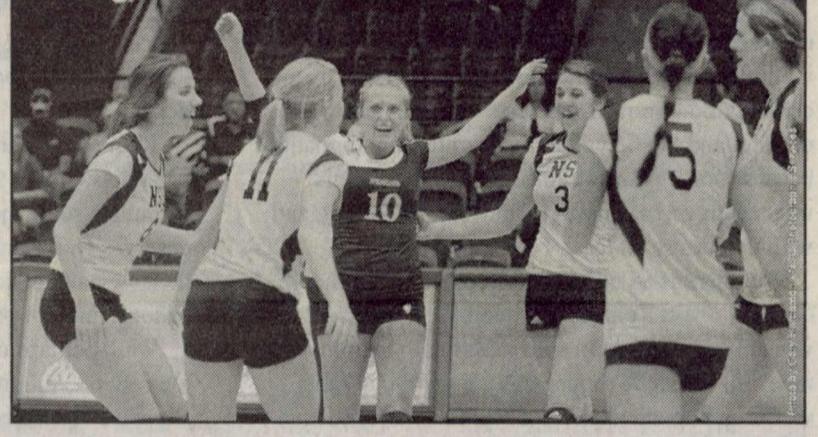


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NSU celebrates after scoring a point. The team swept SLU.

said Hernesman. "She is just so sound fundamentally and so fast that there are some balls that I don't think some people could get to and she does."

Southeastern came out looking good in the first set, taking an early 3-1 lead. The Lady Demons retaliated after an SLU attack error sparked a 14-0 run to put the score at 16-4.

The Lady Lions were unable to come back as NSU won the set 25-14.

NSU came out hot in the second set, gaining a four-point advantage as the score read 5-1. SLU fought back, tying the set up at 5-5 and 6-6.

A Lady Lion block error led to an 11-0 run for NSU, giving them a 20-8 lead. Southeastern could not

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middle and ran through it to score his touchdown.

"When you're 4-0 at home and you win, it doesn't matter what the score was," Taylor said. "A win is a win. It will go in the record books forever. I was very proud of our football team tonight. That was a team win in all three phases."

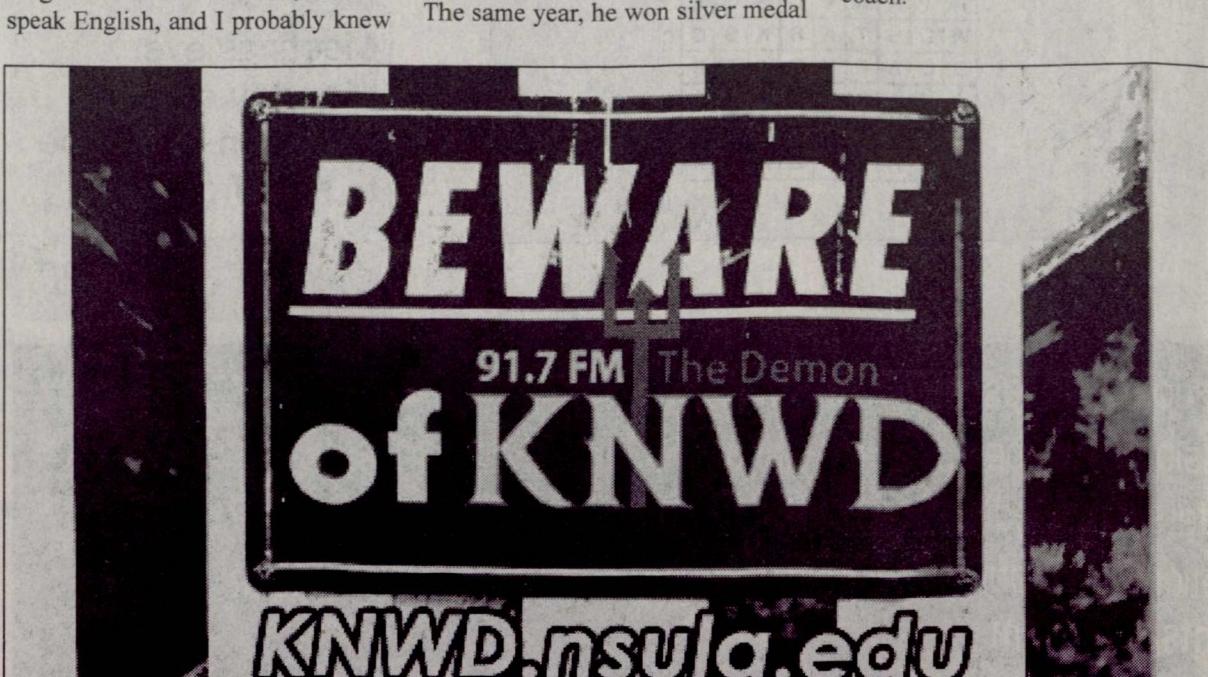
Fourth year Demon head coach Bradley Peveto credits the success to the team's composure.

"Our team never panicked," Peveto said. "They stuck together. We had a lot of emotion on our sideline. It was a very passionately played game."

The Demons move on looking to keep their Southland Conference Championship hopes alive as they travel to Arkansas to play the Central Arkansas Bears. The Bears currently lead the conference at 7-2 overall, 5-1 in conference. The Demons are the last conference opponent of the Bears.

The Bears will secure they at least tie for Southland Conference Champions with a victory over the Demons. The Demons need to win to keep their own hopes for a Championship tie alive.

The Demons meet the Central Arkansas Bears at Estes Stadium in Conway, Ark. at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday.



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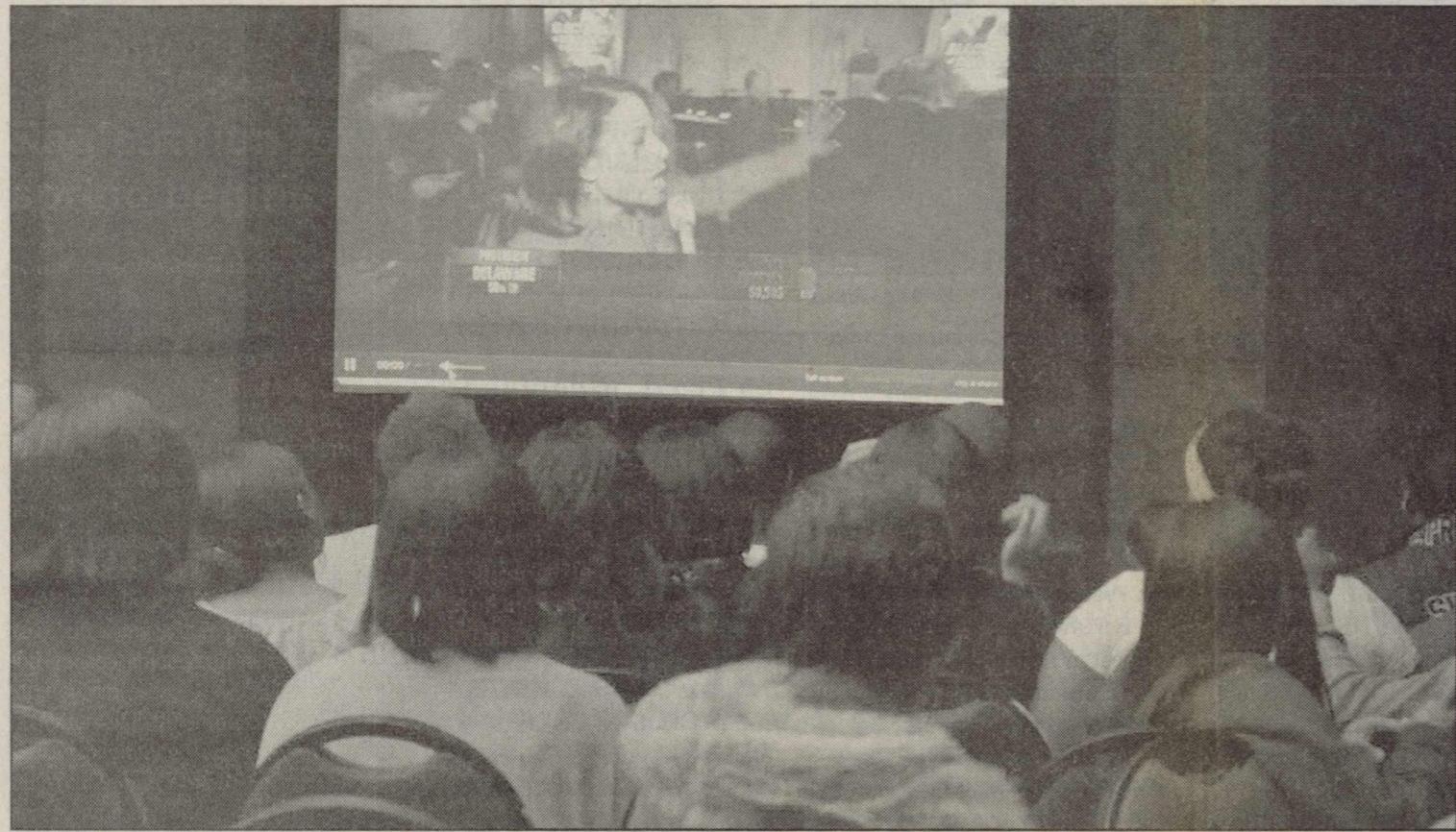
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## Obama Wins Re-Election



To the left: Students anticipate the 2012 election results at a watch party hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.  
Above: Refreshments were served and board games were played up until the pivotal moments in the election were announced.

## Obama re-elected by nabbing victories in key states

**Ty Johnson**  
*News Editor*

President Barack Obama was re-elected as the president of the United States last night. He secured the presidency with victories in key states.

At one point in the race, the candidates were neck in neck with 162 electoral votes. Obama

picked up support in states that were traditionally Democratic strongholds such as New York, California and other populous states.

Later the president scored a re-election victory surpassing the 270 electoral vote threshold including the electoral votes of Ohio and three other swing states.

Students were on the edge of

their seats for the results.

Senior psychology major Angel Johnson said she's predicted this election would be a close one to call.

"The country seemed to be divided when it comes to the candidates," Johnson said. "I knew this one would be a nail biter."

Sophomore business major Antonio Beaudion said despite

post-presidential debate polls that weren't in Obama's favor, his trust in Obama remained.

"Obama has accomplished more than what some people give him credit for," Beaudion said. "He passed a great health care legislation and reformed the student loan program. Both of those things affect me greatly."

Beaudion said Obama's

accomplishments outweigh his disappointments.

"Sure, there are things that could be better but overall, I feel like for the most part he did what he said he would do and he needs another four years to do that. That's why he has my vote."

President Obama thanked his supporters for his success.

"I want you to know that this

wasn't fate, and it wasn't an accident," Obama said in an e-mail to supporters after the projections put him past the 270 threshold.

"You made this happen. I will spend the rest of my presidency honoring your support."

For the rest of this story, check out [www.nsucurrentsauce.com](http://www.nsucurrentsauce.com)



### Registration for spring begins

Courtesy of New Bureau

Early registration for the spring 2013 semester at Northwestern State University is under way. Students can begin the process by going to nsula.edu and click on "Web for Students Login," then clicking on NSUConnect.

Graduate students, authorized ADA students, honor students with 12 or more hours credit and at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and student-athletes can start the registration process.

Seniors with 90 or more hours can register beginning Tuesday, Nov. 6. On Wednesday, Nov. 7, juniors can start signing up for summer and fall classes. Sophomores begin registering on Thursday, Nov. 8. On Friday, Nov. 9, freshmen and students who are 25 or over with less than 30 credit hours can start registering.

Returning students who are unsure about where to register can contact the NSU Registrar's Office at (318) 357-6171 or at [registrar@nsula.edu](mailto:registrar@nsula.edu).

For more information about becoming a Northwestern State student, visit the Office of University Recruiting website at [recruiting.nsula.edu](http://recruiting.nsula.edu).

*'Reading is not optional'*

## Student poets featured at festival

**Contessa Wills**  
*Sauce Reporter*

Having Louisiana poet laureate, Dr. Julie Kane, as an advisor has many advantages. Just ask the members of Brainy Acts Poetry Society (B.A.P.S.).

Kane has been able to introduce the student performers to many people, which has led to many great opportunities.

Last month, B.A.P.S. performed spoken word at the Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge alongside some of the best poets and authors in the state of Louisiana.

The Louisiana Book Festival is an annual one-day event that draws thousands of attendees that participate in several events and workshops. Roughly 145 authors, poets and performers participated in this year's event.

B.A.P.S. was given a one-hour time slot to present their works titled "Reading Is Not Optional." Thirty minutes were used for performance and the remaining thirty minutes were used for a question and answer session.

Kane, also a professor of English, recalled the student's performance and interaction with the audience members.



*The Brainy Acts Poetry Society was established in 2010.*

"I had never been so proud of NSU," Kane said. "They were so articulate, positive and had such a generosity of spirit."

Kane was not the only person in the audience who was impressed with the student performers. A librarian in attendance has invited them to perform at the LaFourche Parish Library in Thibodeaux.

Additionally, Clemonce Heard,

co-founder of B.A.P.S., has been invited to appear on the NPR affiliated radio show, "The Reading Life (WNCO)," to discuss the organization.

Heard, who graduated last spring, sees poetry as more than just a hobby.

"Poetry is release, not just for me, but for those who don't have a voice

or are too afraid to wear their hearts on their tongues," Heard said.

"To me God is poetry, so writing actually brings me closer to him. I intend to get my masters in creative writing, but for the time being I am just writing, studying, performing and constantly being amazed by what God ghostwrites on each page. I'm just being patient and working toward whatever door he intends to open for B.A.P.S. as well as for me."

B.A.P.S., a recognized student organization that was founded in 2010 by Heard and Brandi White, is the only organization of its kind at NSU. Heard and White founded the society as an outlet for students to express themselves in an accepting environment.

At least once per semester, members write and perform original poetry at poetry slams on campus. The date of the next poetry slam has yet to be determined. However, the topic, "Life or Death," has already been selected.

Also, "Reading Is Not Optional," may be repeated prior to "Life or Death."

"Anyone who attends a slam can expect to laugh, frown, be educated and maybe even shed a tear or two," Heard said.

For more information on B.A.P.S. log onto [facebook.com/brainy.acts](http://facebook.com/brainy.acts).



### Senior Day set for Saturday

Courtesy of New Bureau

Northwestern State University holds its annual Fall Senior Day Saturday, Nov. 10.

Check-in begins at 8 a.m. in Magale Recital Hall. The program starts at 9 a.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

Events include a student panel to answer questions about student life and a parent panel to cover scholarships, financial aid and campus housing. Tours of the NSU campus student housing and historic downtown Natchitoches will be available.

Academic departments at Northwestern State will have displays and faculty will be available to answer questions. A number of campus organizations will also be on hand to talk about the variety of extracurricular activities available to add to the campus experience.

Lunch will be served at noon for \$9.50. Tickets to the Northwestern State - Sam Houston football game at 6 p.m. will also be available.

To make reservations or receive more information, call the Office of University Recruiting at (800) 327-1903 or (318) 357-4503 or go to [recruiting.nsula.edu](http://recruiting.nsula.edu).

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# Students collect Christmas donations

Jessica Blow  
Sauve Reporter

For many children, Christmas is the time for toys, clothes and food. For others, just receiving a toothbrush brightens their holiday.

This year Phi Beta Lambda wants to brighten the holiday for at least 40 children in another country.

The organization, sponsored by the School of Business, annually hosts its Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party.

"It's a good opportunity to perform service," Lauren Berry, PBL's president, said. Berry who is a senior accounting major has been a member of PBL since her freshman year.

The NSU Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party supports the international organization Samaritan Purse, which has helped aid the world's poor, sick and suffering.

Margret Kilcoyne and Julie McDonald are advisors of PBL.

Kilcoyne has seen firsthand how children that are less fortunate live because she adopted her youngest child from Borovichi, Russia.



As she was leaving the country, she decided to leave most of the clothes and other items she bought for her daughter there. Her daughter is now 20 years old.

"This may be the only thing this child gets," Kilcoyne said. "It helps with compassion."

Both faculties encourage students to write notes to the children.

McDonald's grandson wrote a note to a child, and the child wrote back thanking him for the toothbrush he received. According to McDonald, the father of the child also wrote back saying that he has to put limits on his child brushing his teeth.

"This is a time to fellowship and help others so instead of throwing a Christmas Party for ourselves, we can help children," McDonald said.



Submitted Photo  
Members of Phi Beta Lambda at last year's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party.

Since 2008, PBL members have found businesses, fraternities, sororities and anyone willing to donate items for the packing party.

At the party, PBL, along with any participating NSU students, will pack shoeboxes with as many items—such as toys, school supplies or hygiene items—the shoebox can hold, along with a note to the child.

Students can choose to pack

for a girl or boy from ages 2-14. PBL aims to pack for children from ages 5-9.

Last year, the organization packed 30 shoeboxes. The goal this year is to pack 40 shoeboxes.

For more information on the Samaritan's Purse or the Operation Christmas Child program, visit [www.samaritanpurse.org](http://www.samaritanpurse.org).

## Items to donate

### Acceptable items include:

- Toys\*
- School supplies
- Hard candy
- T-shirts
- Socks
- Ball caps
- Sunglasses
- Hair clips
- Flashlights
- Personal notes



### Do not include:

- Used or damaged items
- War-related items
- Chocolate
- Food
- Out-of-date candy
- Liquids
- Lotion
- Medications or vitamins
- Breakable items
- Aerosol cans

\* Pack extra batteries for items that require batteries.

## Fighting against 'ecocide': the eco-friendly lifestyle

This election year has provided a chance for voters to solidify their political stances and become **Jacob Labutka**, more in-Style Columnist formed about policy issues.

We are the most passionate about issues that directly affect ourselves and those we love.

Social issues such as striving for equal pay for women and anti-discrimination campaigns for LGBTQ individuals are very important and should not be ignored. However, we must not only pay attention to a social issue that we care the most about, but we must both care for our social well-being and the natural environment we all inhabit.

We have all seen the commercials and campaigns that want us to take a part in preserving our ecosystem.



Most people do not have a problem with recycling and take the extra time to put bottles and cans in the recycling bin. Recycling is important and necessary, but it is not enough in order to embody a truly eco-friendly lifestyle.

I'm not saying that you will soon become an ice-cold Jake Gyllenhaal who needs to be saved by his father Dennis Quaid (even though global warming is certainly an issue). However, one must take into account that environmental issues affect us (and will increasingly continue to affect us) more than we realize.

One of the most important of these issues is the water supply. With a rising global population and increasing demand of resources, water is in high demand everywhere. Unfortunately, the supply of clean water is relatively scarce compared to the abundance of useless salt water (some water comes from desalination, but it's currently an expensive



From left, Taylor Orgeron and Laura Johnson recycle their trash outside of Morrison Hall.

process).

We are not currently suffering from water scarcity here in the U.S.,

but the water scarcity we fear is already a harsh reality for many in undeveloped countries. Everyone must

do their part to contribute to the conservation of water.

For example, it is unnecessary to take really long showers every day, (showers longer than 30 minutes) especially those who do so several times a day. Also, it is both cheaper and more environmentally savvy to purchase a water filter.

I know Natchitoches water is absolutely detestable, but water that runs through my Brita faucet filter gets rid of the "Natty-taste." Filtered water saves you money in the long-run and conserves plastic (which contains water that companies often extract from countries that need it more than we do).

Like water, electricity is often times a scarce resource in many undeveloped countries. Light is an electrical resource most of us do have to worry about.

However, in many places throughout the world this is not the case. Many homes in other countries ei-

ther do not have electricity or do not live in an area with a stable power grid. In the urban areas of Guinea, the only dependable sources of light that students can depend on are lampposts in airport parking lots.

Make an effort to conserve electricity by turning off lights and appliances when they are not in use (the burning of fossil fuels is largely responsible for our power supply).

I'm not advocating that we stop using our resources; we do need lights to study with and see inside our homes.

We also shouldn't use the environmental crisis as an excuse to not take showers (I prefer for myself and my peers to not smell like dirt and sweat).

Overall, we shouldn't take our resources for granted. We should maintain awareness of environmental issues that affect everyone and do our part to conserve what we don't need.

## Students await the arrival of a new restaurant

Alexis Reliford  
Life Editor

Ever get tired of eating on campus, but can't find a place to satisfy your taste?

According to a job ad posted in the Natchitoches Times daily newspaper, Natchitoches will soon be expanding its number of restaurants.

IHOP, formally known as The International House of Pancakes, is a United States based restaurant chain that specializes in breakfast food. While its main focus is breakfast, the chain's menus also offer a variety of lunch and dinner items.

Some NSU students including junior Tinisha Manning are excited about the news and are eager to eat there.

"It gives us more variety in terms of places to eat," Manning said.

Manning said she would eat there frequently because IHOP is one of her favorite restaurants.

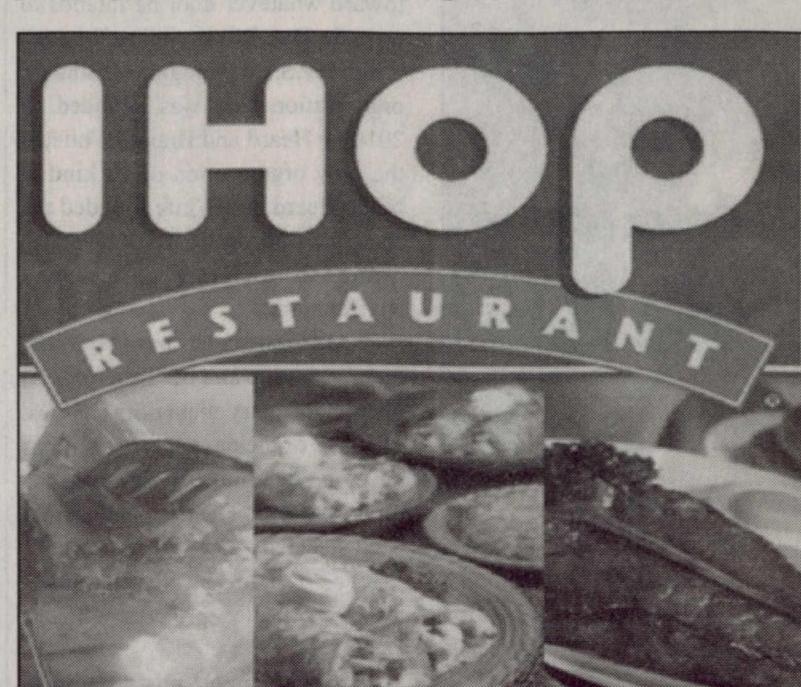


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IHOP is coming soon to Natchitoches. Above is the logo and some of the signature food served.

Also sharing Manning's excitement about the new addition to the town is fellow junior, Kyla Harrell.

"The best thing about IHOP are the free pancake days," Harrell said. "I would go just for them."

The city of Natchitoches could

not comment on the exact location of the restaurant at this time. According to sophomore Nick Myers, he would not mind driving to wherever IHOP is located.

"Nothing is going to keep me from my pancakes and bacon," Myers said. "I'd go at least a couple of times a month."

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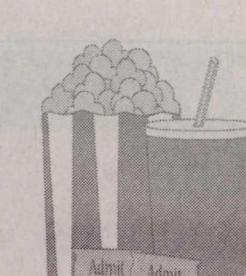
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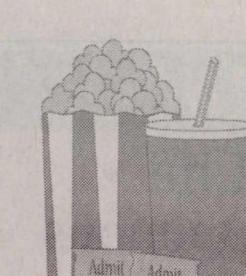
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## Upcoming November events

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- Student Activities Board Ultimate Gamer's Tournament-Nov. 13
- Helping Hand Fall Fest-Nov. 13
- Lambda and Kappa Pi crafts fair-Nov. 28
- Alpha Phi Alpha Probate-Nov. 8
- Student Activities Board Toy Drive-Nov. 1-30
- Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party-Nov. 8



## Proclaiming miracles: Part two

This is continuation of the story published in the October 31st issue of *The Current Sauce*.

I find it strikingly odd that more religious people don't find these particular testimonies as offensive as I do. They construe God – by relevant definition, the omnipotent, omniscient creator of everything – as some sort of amateurish Vegas magician.

One eon he parts the Red Sea for Moses, the next he makes sure you hit that green light when you're late for work.

The whole problem lies in this contemporary, extreme fatalism that predominates a great deal of the Southern Protestant culture. I submit to you that this idea is immoral – everything happens for a purpose (I use the word "purpose" and not "reason" here, simply because by necessity of causality, everything does, in fact, happen for a reason).

Everything that occurs lends itself towards some grand divine scheme. This man survived for a



**Justin Woodard**  
Guest columnist

plan, and for that same plan a great many others died. What is the plan? Nobody seems to know. But that doesn't stop us from categorizing our fortunes and misfortunes by the standard of divine purpose.

The crux of my argument finds its root in the problem of suffering. The problem being, of course, that it exists. For all of God's grand designing, he could not formulate a design devoid of suffering.

This is enough of a problem on its own, but when we begin to extend the plan's influence to things like our personal illnesses and recoveries, failures and triumphs, we may no longer explain suffering with the "free will" theodicy – the idea that God allows suffering because without it there could be no choice.

If he rescues one man from cancer, but allows 19 more to die, he ceases to fit the mold of that explanation. He ceases to be a loving parent, interested and hopeful but ultimately allowing us to destroy ourselves if we choose to. He instead becomes a sadist and a tyrant.

And here I lay my case to rest. Miracle testimonies, in their

implications, breed an unavoidable sadism by division – an us-and-them mindset.

According to this kind of testimony, the properly religious person can hope to be spared from illness, and misfortune and eventually death. The nonreligious person – or worse, the person who follows the wrong religion – may not.

And when devout men of the correct religion fall ill and die – which I think you will find happens with equal frequencies across all religious and nonreligious populations – we are asked to see the purpose in it, because we cannot imagine a death that is not valuable to fate.

I think that death is probably meaningless. In my experience, this is generally regarded as a disturbing or hopeless or ugly idea. It needn't be.

In whatever way that meaning may exist, life is meaningful. By my view, meaning is defined by life.

So when I say that miracle testimony is offensive to me in a way similar to Todd Akin's frightening babble, it is because it suggests that one life may be inherently more meaningful or more purposeful than another.

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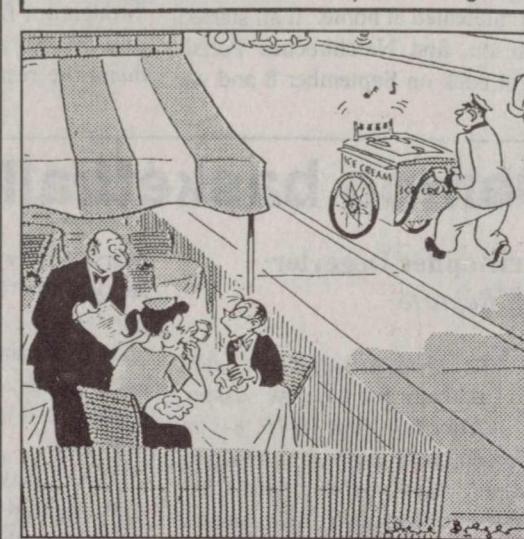
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By Dick Wingert



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By Dave Breger



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Foe,/ Who now triumphs , in th'  
excess joy/ Sole reigning holds  
tyranny in Heaven."

"Farewell, happy fields,/ Where  
joy forever dwells! Hail horrors!/ hail,  
Infern world! And though,  
profoundest Hell,/ Receive thy new  
possessor, one who brings/ A mind  
not changed by place or time./ The  
mind a place of its own, and in  
itself/ Can make a Heaven of Hell,  
and a Hell of Heaven."  
"Better to reign in Hell, than serve  
in Heaven."

Talk about amazing. If one  
doesn't know, "Paradise Lost" is  
about the Great War in Heaven  
where Lucifer and his minions were  
cast out of Heaven into a hidden  
place only known by God called  
Hell. After Satan is in Hell, he  
claims that he will do everything in  
his power to smite God, and it just  
gets awesome.

His goal is met as he  
dies an epic death while  
slaying the dragon. He is  
then immortalized through  
his grand adventures.  
There is only one surviving  
copy of "Beowulf," and it  
is in the British library in  
London. What I would  
give to see that copy.  
"Beowulf" is one of the  
most honest and amazing works I  
have ever read.

Camille Mosley

Freshman Scholar

The next best piece of British  
literature I have ever read is John  
Milton's "Paradise Lost." Some of the  
best quotes that are so relevant  
are in this book. Just reading the  
quotes put me at a loss for words.  
Some of the most notorious quotes  
are:

"In the arms not worse, in  
foresight much advanced,/ We may  
with more successful hope resolve/  
To wage by force or guile eternal  
war,/ Irreconcilable to our grand

I recommend that everyone read  
both pieces of literature that I have  
just written about because each  
piece really gets the gears turning.



Stacey DiFrancesco attacks the ball at its highest point for score a point for the Lady Demons. The Demons beat the Stephen F. Austin LadyJacks in straight sets.

## NSU blasts past SFA, SHSU

**Andrea Nedorostova**  
Staff Reporter

Northwestern State's volleyball team dominated on Friday night in the match against Stephen F. Austin.

For the first time, Lady Demons defeated the LadyJacks 3:0 on sets inside the walls of Prather Coliseum.

Lady Demons took first set 25:17. The second set was the most dramatic. NSU volleyball team fought hard to win the set 26:24. Lady Demons

finished strong by winning the third set 25:20. By beating Southland Conference rival Stephen F. Austin, Lady Demons improved to a seven matches winning streak, which is the most since 1992.

NSU jumped to 19:8 overall, and 11:4 in Southland Conference play. NSU fell to SFA earlier in the season 3:1.

On Friday night, Lady Demons had a sweet revenge. The game was not only special for the valuable victory, but also for Nicole Hajka's senior night. Hajka, who is the only

senior on the volleyball team this year, was honored for her four-year collegiate volleyball career.

"I did enjoy my senior night," Hajka said. "My teammates surprised me in the locker room; they decorated my locker, and gave me baskets."

"Their win sparked the night for me, and the reception after the game was great too. I just wish I got to play a little bit more considering it was my senior night, but it's all coach's decision who they put on the floor," Hajka said. "The four years

that I have been at NSU has been a great turnout, maybe not volleyball in a sense, but I have enjoyed my four years of getting an education and getting the opportunity to experience being college athlete."

Hajka, an outside hitter from Austin, TX, is majoring in general studies with minor in social science.

"After the season is over, I am going to stay here and intern in strengthening and conditioning," Hajka said. "I am also looking for a graduate school. I like animals, so I am thinking that maybe going to vet

school would be a good idea for me, and I will see where it takes me. My options are really open."

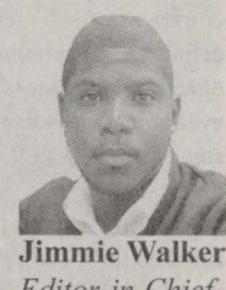
Yesterday, The Lady Demons took out Sam Houston State University, the top contender in the conference.

NSU beat the Lady Bearcats in straight sets. The win gives the Lady Demons their first 20-win season since 1975.

The volleyball team will challenge Central Arkansas and Oral Roberts in their last two away matches before heading to the SLC Tournament.

## Dynomite: Still second guessing Smith

So far most NFL teams have played eight games and the picture of divisional dominance is becoming clearer. The San Francisco 49ers are one of the teams that lead their division, and their Monday Night Football performance against the Arizona Cardinals should have eradicated all doubts about Alex Smith, Randy Moss, Michael Crabtree and any others negative thoughts traditionally associated with the Niners of this era.



**Jimmie Walker**  
Editor-in-Chief

Smith and Moss connected on what can be called "the play of the game." The Niners were faced with a 3rd-and-8 from the middle of the field. Moss ran a double-move route, which should have been stop soon after catching the ball. But Moss tapped into his younger self and slipped away from two would be tacklers before darting to the end zone. The 47-yard touchdown was Moss' 156th of his career, and he's now tied for the fourth-most in NFL history.

That play wasn't Moss' best highlight of the game. Moss showed a youthful disregard for his body when he rocked Cardinals' safety Kerry Rhodes to allow Crabtree to pick up more yards after a short pass. Crabtree was becoming a disappointing acquisition to most Niner fans. He was the 10th overall draft pick in 2009 but never lived up to the hype that came with him. Crabtree caught the first touchdown of the game and caught another pass for a touchdown later in the game.

This brings me to my last point. Smith was the fuel to the Niners' offense in the MNF win over the Cardinals. It's surprising to see that he hasn't broken down mentally as much as he has been criticized for not being worthy to play professionally throughout his career.

Even after last year's performance, his role in the public's eye is limited to "game manager," and not that of a true NFL quarterback.

Smith connected on 18 of his 19 throws for 232 yards and three touchdowns. He could have had a perfect game had it not been for a dropped ball by a wide-open receiver.

Smith is one of the most efficient quarterbacks this year, boasting a 102.1 QBR this season. He is well deserving of a better reputation now. If football fans are waiting for the true Smith to show up, they can stop waiting because he is here.

The Niners' next game is against another divisional opponent, the 3-5 St. Louis Rams. St. Louis is coming off of a miserably 45-7 defeat at the hands of the Patriots. Kickoff is Sunday at 3:25 p.m. If you're not a believer, watch the game to check out Smith and his ability to lead his team to victory.

## Kickoff moved up to 3 for home finale vs. Sam Houston State

Courtesy of Sports Info

Northwestern State's football home finale next Saturday against defending Southland Conference champion Sam Houston State has been picked up by Southland TV, moving up kickoff three hours to a 3 o'clock afternoon start at Turpin Stadium.

Local residents can take advantage of a great entertainment savings offer during the second Natchitoches Parish Appreciation Day this season.

A discounted \$5 general admission ticket is available before next Saturday through NSU's Athletic Ticket Office (318-357-4268) or online at NSUDemons.com using the "NSUparish2" promotional code. Patrons can purchase up to four \$5 tickets, representing a 60 percent savings over standard general admission ticket costs.

"Our crowds have been fantastic this season and have been a big factor in helping our football team go undefeated at home. It all started with the first Natchitoches Parish Night back on September 8 and we



Demon football team from 2010 tackles the Bearcat ball carrier. NSU won the game in overtime.

want to continue that momentum through our final home contest. We saw this as a great opportunity to thank the residents of Natchitoches Parish for their incredible support this season," said athletics director Greg Burke.

The game was originally sched-

uled to kick off at 6, as all other home games have this season for the Demons, but Southland TV's featured games are shown in a broad-

cast window that begins at 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

The contest will be the first visit to Turpin Stadium by Sam Houston State since the Demons posted a 23-20 double overtime win over the Bearcats to highlight NSU's 2010 Homecoming celebration.

"Our team loves playing day games and playing on TV, so we're really looking forward to kicking off at 3 o'clock next Saturday afternoon in Turpin Stadium," said Demons' head coach Bradley Dale Peveto.

"Our fans have been fantastic this year, our students have been awesome and the Spirit of Northwestern is the best band in all the land. It should be a perfect afternoon to enjoy a great college football game, and we're going to try to wrap up a perfect home record to boot."

The Demons are 4-0 at Turpin Stadium this year, hoping to complete their first unbeaten home slate since 2004 and the sixth since Turpin Stadium was dedicated in 1977.

The game will also be the final homefield appearance for 21 senior football players who will be recognized before kickoff.

## Demon basketball ready for Friday season opener against East Texas Baptist

**Christopher Degeyter**  
Staff Reporter

The Demon basketball team is ready for the new season.

After finishing 16-16, 8-8 in conference last year before losing in the first round of the Southland Conference Championship Tournament, the Demons plan to bounce back this season and come out on top in the Southland Conference.

"Naturally, we're excited about the 2012-2013 season," Mike McConathy, 13th year Demon basketball head coach, said.

The preseason coaches' poll placed the Demons at third in the conference, behind Oral Roberts and Stephen F. Austin.

"Any time you're ranked by your

peers, it's very nice to feel," McConathy said. "But also, I know that puts added pressure on the team to go out and succeed. I think that this team can be a special team if the chemistry is developed between the players."

McConathy added that the team isn't focused on where they were selected in the preseason poll. The goal is to end the season first and not third.

"It's an honor to be considered higher ranked than we have been in the past couple of years, while at the same time, the reality is that it doesn't matter," McConathy said. "In the end, it matters whether you can get the job done or not."

The team has strength coming from a variety of areas.

Returning seniors guard Shamir Davis and forward James Hulbin won first and second team all-conference honors.

Hulbin said everyone is on the same page about this season and knows what to expect. He added that McConathy has put the bar high, but the team is ready to do what is necessary.

Red-shirt freshman Guard Jalan West is predicted to be the Southland Conference Freshman of the Year.

"He's a very good back-court player to compliment Shamir Davis," McConathy said.

The team is looking for help from Demon basketball fans and NSU students this season.

"It would be great for students to get involved with this team, and

try to latch on to them," McConathy said. "It can be a lot of fun to watch, and the energy is very high. Students should understand how much they could help our sports teams if they got into the game."

"When you watch sports games from all the bigger schools and you see the support from the fans, and you ask 'Why not here?' McConathy added.

"Whatever we can do to reach out to the student community, we would love to do. To improve the relationship between the students and our players is something we would be more than happy to do."

The Demons' opening game of the season is against the East Texas Baptist Tigers on Friday, Nov. 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Prather Coliseum.

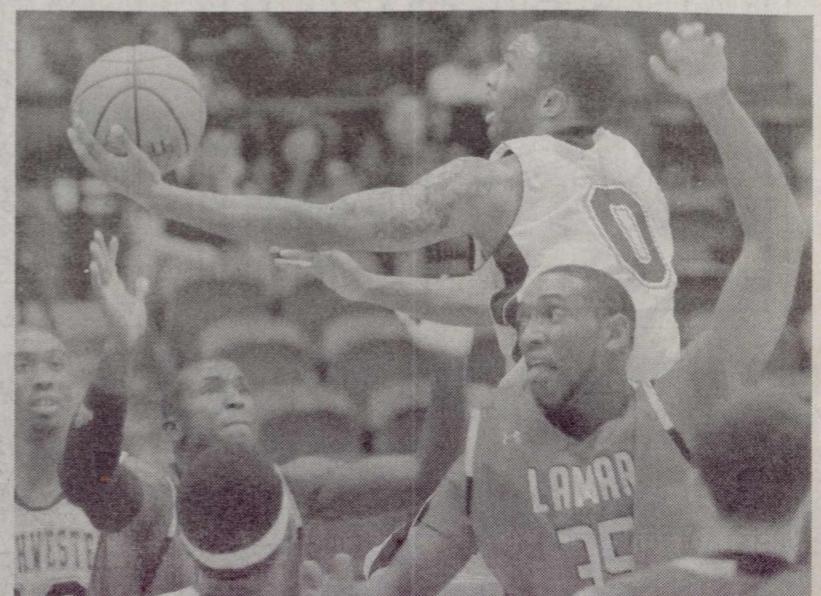


Photo by Gary Hardamon  
Senior Shamir Davis earned Southland Conference honors.

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## Mobile app class ignites student innovation

Jared Roberts  
Sauce Reporter

CIS 4200 is keeping up with the times. This semester, Sarah Wright teaches a class about designing applications. CIS 4200 is a topics class, which means that the subject changes every semester, but Wright would like to make app development a permanent part of the curriculum. She admitted the class needs to be tweaked and that the faculty needs to come together to make some decisions.

Wright would like there to also be a beginners app development class. "I do believe mobile apps are here to stay in the curriculum," Wright said.

The class teaches a lot of programming and instead of just focusing on one platform, the class allows the students to take the basics and create an app for iOS, Windows, or Blackberry.

Wright said that this choice allows the students to be more involved and creative in their assignments while keeping them excited about the programming. Each student chooses a platform and creates an app for it for their final project.

The students are free to choose which type of app they would like to create from games, social media, music apps or anything they can think of.

"They get to use their imaginations," Wright said.

James Nelson and classmate Matt Foschee placed first in a competition at the Association of Information Technology Professionals. The app for competition has been in the works since last spring and is preparation for another competition this upcoming spring.

Nelson chose to make an app that checked fuel consumption.

"It will store the previous mileage and calculate the miles per gallon based on the current mileage and the amount of gas it took to fill up the vehicle," Nelson said.

"Basically, it was a multipage application that used the device's camera, location and internal storage. I used this for practice because I thought that any future competitions would require similar elements, and as expected the AITP conference was required to utilize some of the same elements as the one I had been working on."

Foschee's in class project is an app that keeps track of his hours as a student worker and can send the



Photo Courtesy of News Bureau

**Programming expertise opens opportunities for graduates. As mobile app demand grows, CIS students learn to design their own.**

reports to him or his supervisor.

According to Wright there has been an even split between the three platforms when it comes to her students' final projects. While most of these students have not had any

experience in making apps, a lot of

their previous learning applies here where the same rules are used in a new environment.

Wright believes the class so far is a success and intends to bring more

classes like it in the future.

"Corporations will hire employees who are specialists in operation systems to create in-house apps not sold to the public," Wright said. "It's an exciting recruiting tool for

us. High school students see that we're on the cusp and they want to come here and participate. Our students are problem solvers. They like to figure things out. This gives them a good foundation."



Photo Courtesy of News Bureau

The Weyerhaeuser grant will fund travel and related expenses for faculty, as well as new printed literature and other initiatives.

## ET program gets Weyerhaeuser grant

Courtesy of News Bureau

Northwestern State University's engineering technology program received \$10,000 through the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund Grant program.

The funds will be used to help attract more students to NSU's engineering technology program and educate them about careers in manufacturing available to ET graduates.

"We will be reaching out to secondary schools in communities within a 50-mile radius of each Weyerhaeuser location. Those communities include Dodson, Holden, Natchitoches, Ruston, Simsboro/Arcadia, Taylor, Zwolle and associated communities that

fall within the 50-mile radius of each," said Dr. Phil Brown, associate professor and principal investigator of the grant.

"The primary purpose will be to make counselors and students aware of the STEM [science, technology, engineering, mathematics]

career opportunities within the Louisiana manufacturing community, the secondary education

preparation requirements for entry

into manufacturing and the post secondary opportunities for students in Northwestern State's engineering technology program."

Students will have a better understanding of what high school courses they should take that will better prepare them for classes in the engineering technology program, Brown said.

He also hopes ET faculty can work more closely with school counselors who advise students on their post-secondary options.

For more information on Northwestern State's engineering technology program, visit [engrtech.nsula.edu](http://engrtech.nsula.edu).

Brown hopes to inform prospec-

## Civic leader recognized for service to NSU



Photo Courtesy of News Bureau

The family of the late Tom Murchison accepted the honor.

Northwestern State University honored the late Tom Murchison with the President's Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his service to the university and to the Natchitoches community. Murchison's family accepted the award during the Nov. 10 football game in Turpin Stadium. NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb presented the award to members of the Murchison family. From left, Farrah Murchison, Vicki Murchison, Ava Murchison, Tommy Murchison, Gretchen Murchison, Anna Grace Murchison, Ian Murchison, Tim Murchison, Tyler Murchison, Lane Murchison and Garrett Murchison with NSU director of university advancement, Brad Laird.

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# Helping Hands hosts Fall Festival

Jessica Blow  
Sauce Reporter

With the semester coming to an end and finals quickly approaching, Helping Hands hosted its annual Fall Fest to give NSU students a time to relax Tuesday night in the Student Union Ballroom. Admission was free to all students, and refreshments were served.

Music filled the room while college students laughed, played games and enjoyed refreshments. At the Fall Fest, students played games such as Taboo, Wheel of Fortune and Twister.

"They can come and have a good time because by this time students are spent," Jamie Flanagan, Helping Hands and Student Support Service advisor and instructor, said.

The Fall Fest is a 'Hakuna

Matata' moment for students," Flanagan said.

The students can come with no worries. Helping Hands is a student organization on campus sponsored by the Student Support Services. The organization lends a helping hand to those affected by natural disasters (such as hurricane relief), boys and girls club and nursing homes.

This year, Helping Hands will donate the money raised at the Fall Fest to Toys for Tots. The organization asked students who attended the Fall Festival to donate toys.

Since 2005, Helping Hands has hosted Fall Fest.

Originally Helping Hands' Fall Fest was put together for elementary students in the surrounding areas to have fun on NSU's campus, but other schools

started to host their own Fall Fest leaving Helping Hands to host its fest for just NSU students," Flanagan said.

The preparation for the Fall Festival began early this fall semester. For Flanagan, it sometimes became frustrating because of last minute preparation. According to Flanagan working with college students was interesting.

The preparation was broken into four committees. Some students were in charge of public relations, music, food, games or reserving a place. At the end of the night, all Helping Hands members helped to clean up. Flanagan considered the preparations a learning experience for the students.

"It gives Helping Hands students a chance to learn leadership," Flanagan said.



Students release their inner child as they play games at Helping Hands annual Fall Fest. Photo By Josh Mitchell



Submitted Photo

Consumer electronics like the Amazon Kindle and Samsung Tablet pictured, are some of the most popular Black Friday purchases.

## Black Friday: a time to shop or one we wish we were able to?

**I**t's once again that time of year when our families spend hours cooking a giant turkey stuffed with the most delicious of dressings. Many consumers will not purchase these plucked birds until the last minute and hope to acquire *Style Columnist* the last Butterball just hours before Thanksgiving.



to either see what the store has left in the middle of Black Friday or just stay home cuddled in our fuzzy socks drinking hot cocoa.

There are some stores that are attempting to extend consumer access of their deals. Wal-Mart is guaranteeing that customers will be able to purchase select discount electronics if they are in line between 10 and 11 p.m. on Thanksgiving night.

**Jacob Labutka**

Many of us want to avoid the traffic and lines and will decide to partake in these seasonal deals online on either Black Friday or Cyber Monday. Certain websites like Amazon are counting down to when their best deals begin.

If you want to purchase an item online on either one of these days, then you must prepare for a speedy purchase before popular items run out. Know the online store you want to purchase from and make sure you have an account set up with your credit card and shipping address information. This way you can make your purchase at the stroke of midnight by the touch of a few clicks.

Take advantage of the sales if you are lucky enough to have a full piggy bank. But if you needed money and had to smash your piggy bank with a hammer, then there's nothing wrong with taking advantage of a warm fire and Thanksgiving leftovers.

Some of you may like the idea of waiting for hours or days outside a store in order to receive the best deals. The rest of us prefer

## Students win big at Vera Bradley Bingo



Photo By Josh Mitchell

Students won big Tuesday night at Phi Mu Fraternity's annual Vera Bradley Bingo event. Participants had a chance to win Vera Bradley bags valued at over \$150, as well as other men's merchandise with all proceeds benefiting Children's Miracle Network, Phi Mu's national philanthropy, of Christus St. Francis Cabrini in Alexandria, LA. This year's goal was to raise at least \$7,000.

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## Easy to make Nutella s'more bars

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Course: Dessert

Skill Level: Easy

Combines two of the greatest things on earth! This recipe is definitely one that needs to be made soon!

### INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup butter softened  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 1/3 cups flour  
3/4 cup graham cracker crumbs  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1 cup Nutella  
1 (7 oz.) jar marshmallow creme-fluff

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

2. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugars together.

3. Add in egg and vanilla extract and beat until well combined.

4. Add flour, graham cracker crumbs, baking powder and salt and beat until well incorporated.

5. Divide dough in half. Mash half of the dough into the bottom of a greased 8x8 pan.

6. Spread Nutella over the top of the dough.

7. Carefully spread marshmallow cream over top of the Nutella.

8. Carefully spread remaining dough over the top of marshmallow creme. For me, it helped to press the dough flat in my hands, piece by piece, and lay it over the top, until entire top was covered.

9. Bake at 350 degrees F for about 30 minutes or until lightly golden brown. Let it cool completely before cutting it up into squares.

ENJOY!



The Current Sauce staff would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

## Keeping Thanksgiving alive in a consumerist culture

If you look around this time of year, especially in Louisiana's "City of Lights," you would be troubled to find something distinctly Thanksgiving-themed.

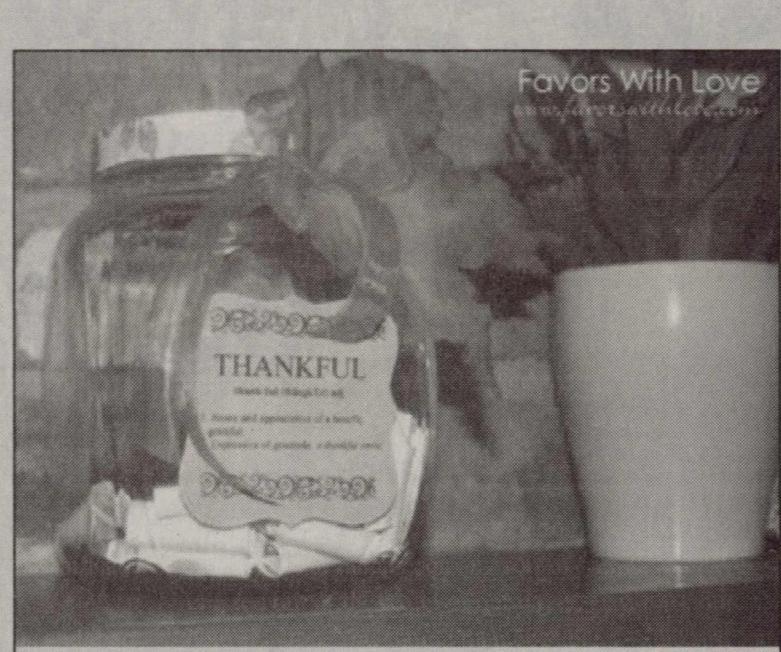
When I say Thanksgiving, I don't mean fall colored baubles or leaf-shaped table toppers,

**Catherine Beverly** I mean honest-to-God

Thanksgiving decorations.

Instead of these traditional American festivities, we see the burgeoning Christmas aisles and the 50 percent off remains of fall décor. Why is this? Why do department stores now skip over paper turkeys and ceramic "Made in China" Horns of Plenty?

My assumption is that this recent phenomenon is due to the overtly capitalist nature of our economy and has led to the devaluation of the celebration of Thanksgiving. That same attitude thrives in popular stores, such as Wal-Mart, Macy's,



Instructions for a generic "Give Thanks" jar for Thanksgiving.

Photo from blogs.capscreation.com

and it's a shame.

Maybe it used to be true that Thanksgiving was a marketable holiday, but that is no longer the case.

Thanksgiving doesn't have the inherent choice of selection that Halloween does: witch or ghost?

chocolate or gummy bears?

Thanksgiving also lacks the pop culture icon of Santa Claus, something that even secular families could enjoy. Instead there are images of cheerful turkeys that make you doubt your life as an omnivore. No one likes celebrating

a holiday sitting next to a caricature of their meal.

So, why would manufacturers spend money selling Thanksgiving specific items when you can lump the entirety of "autumn" into one category? With that excuse, an entire season can be crammed into

an aisle's worth of room.

I'm not implying that Thanksgiving is disappearing from our lives. In fact, the idea of giving thanks is picking up a lot of interest in the Internet community this year.

This occurs mostly when Facebook users post a series of statuses throughout the month of

## Consequences of America's partisanship

In every election, it is probably the case that one candidate is an actively better choice than the other, and it is up to the public to decide which, and in what ways. When Ronald Reagan ran against Walter Mondale in 1984, the choice seemed clear. Reagan swept 49 states, winning 525 electoral votes – the most in history.

The nation seemed almost wholly pleased with Reagan; Mondale seemed frail in comparison, and his campaign was an abject failure.

I think that more campaigns should be abject failures. When a nation gravitates towards equal and opposite poles, I sincerely doubt that it is the result of two equal and opposite candidates promoting two equal and opposite philosophies. Logic demands otherwise.

One of them is necessarily better, and the fact that as rational beings we find consensus impossible – and in such a uniform and intractable way – suggests failure on the parts of candidates, the media and of course, the public itself.

It is the public I am most concerned with. I used the phrase "rational beings" but this does not necessarily suggest consistently rational behavior.

In fact, as a species, we seem prone to rational failures, and the two-party system reflects a significant one.

To submit ourselves to exactly two labels, and then to expect either of these labels to describe every facet of our respective identities, almost transcends the notion of rational failure. It is completely insane.

Where would we be without parties to claim us? The idea is unpalatable to some. To me, it is almost utopian: a world in which beliefs are no longer borrowed from tradition, where people do not formulate political identities by letting preexisting platforms command their opinions, where we all begin as blank mental slates and build our own ideologies from the ground up.

I am generally in favor of smaller government and restricted spending. These are perfectly defensible positions that find their basis in pragmatism. But according to a great many, this also suggests that I am probably opposed to gay marriage. This is not a rationally defensible position.

I cannot fathom why economic policy is at all connected to the issue of marriage equality. It is for this reason that adhering flatly to partisan politics is a dangerous practice. It discourages actual consideration of issues.

It seems to me that a great many people first decide



**Justin Woodard**  
Guest columnist

to be Republicans or Democrats, and subsequently accept the beliefs handed down by that role.

Like most inherited opinions, it is completely arbitrary, and in a representative democracy, wherein the voters have the power to change the course of their nation's future, arbitrariness cannot be afforded. The concept of a straight-ticket voter – and I have met a few – terrifies me.

The implications of partisanship extend beyond the irrationalities of the voter. It also cultivates a political atmosphere that responds to this irrationality.

Campaigns, I have come to learn, are not so much about solutions to problems as they are about a candidate's repetitious adherence to his party's ideology.

The problem is, of course, that not all candidates actually adhere very strongly to their party's ideology. But in many places, the moment a candidate shows his dark centrist intentions, he becomes unelectable. Consequently the public is presented with a year-long (or longer) spectacle of deliberate opacity, implausibly glamorous promises and flat lies.

These are the criteria by which we are meant to elect our president, and our dual parties are at fault. Why don't we demand more? Why do we insist on mollycoddling those people that intend to represent us?

Once your name is on any sort of ballot, you have crossed out of the realm of our day-to-day, too-polite conversation. You should then be subject to the strictest level of scrutiny.

There should be no question too direct and no point too damning because only those people capable of withstanding real questions and real criticisms deserve the support of the electorate.

But first the electorate has to be interested in asking the questions, and partisan thinking does not tend to give way to genuine concern and curiosity. A devout party-member is more concerned with the success of his party than pragmatic solutions.

Here is a not-so-hidden truth: good solutions to bad problems have come from both Democrats and Republicans, from both liberalism and conservatism.

There is no creed that is 100 percent correct, no politician who is never wrong and no platform that can sum up the precise views of any one individual.

Let us abandon our ties to creeds that were not created for us. Let us scrape off our partisan bumper stickers.

If we need political persuasions, let us call ourselves pragmatists. We do what works – nothing less, and nothing more.

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## Sex trend in young adult literature

I have been an avid reader ever since "Twilight" came out. I remember walking around the book section in Wal-mart with my mom because she was the reader of the family. I saw the cover for the first three "Twilight" books and thought they looked rather intriguing because of the simplistic design.

Having no clue what any of the books were about, I bought the first one. I became obsessed, reading the first book eight times, the second one twice, the third one twice and the last one once. I even started the Twilight trend in my hometown.

After reading all four books, I went through a phase where I thought no other book could or would be better than the "Twilight" series. I actually had good reason for this because soon after

"Twilight" became nationally then globally popular, all of the books coming out had everything to do with the supernatural, vampires in particular.

I tried a couple of other series, but none really caught my interest. I'd read a few series here and there, but all of the plots were the same. A chick would fall in love with a supernatural, brooding creature, he would leave in the second book, ensuing a love triangle so on and so forth.

Even after "Fifty Shades of Grey" came out, suddenly authors came out with all of these BDSM books. I mean, "Fifty Shades" was good and all, but I don't want to read about BDSM or sex in general all of the time. I, personally, enjoy a good plot, some romance and some action – all of that stuff that makes a great novel.



**Camille Mosley**  
Freshman Scholar

But alas, authors are now stuck on the trend of sex for books. Anne Rice even came out with a BDSM book. Seriously Anne? I thought that she of all people would be above that. I guess not.

Books these days have no real plot and are in the business for the money.

That in and of itself is a shame because there are some great books out there that are being overlooked, such as "Howl's Moving Castle" for instance. That is a phenomenal book, not to mention the movie is actually amazing.

Also, I recommend "The Immortal Instruments" series along with, well, anything written by Cassandra Clare. Sarah Dessen is also a great author who doesn't follow the trends.

All I'm saying is that there are a lot better books out there than Christian Grey and Edward Cullen wannabes. Try them out sometime!

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## Demons start season strong, zoom past Campbell Camels

Christopher Degeyter  
Staff Reporter

The Demon Basketball team started strong in its opening games.

The Demons started the season at home Friday night with a win against the East Texas Baptist Tigers, 118-77.

"I thought we did a great job of running the floor and getting up and down," Mike McConathy, Demon head coach, said. "We did a great job, and a lot of that had to do with the match ups. We had smaller guys out on the court that could guard them and keep them in front of us."

Freshman guard Jalan West led the team with 26 points, 8 assists, 5 rebounds and 3 steals. West also played the most time for the team at 22 minutes.

West's great play was no surprise though. He came into the season as the favorite to win Southland Conference Freshman of the Year.

"We should have picked up on defense a bit better, but getting the win was pretty easy so we're thankful for that," West said. "I thank my teammates for getting me open in the right spots, just getting in to keep shooting."

Following West was senior guard Shamir Davis with 19 points, 3 assists and a rebound. Davis played for 21 minutes. He also came into the season rated well, making first team all-conference honors.

"We got a great start today, we came in and played a great team in ETBU," Davis said. All of our guys came to play."

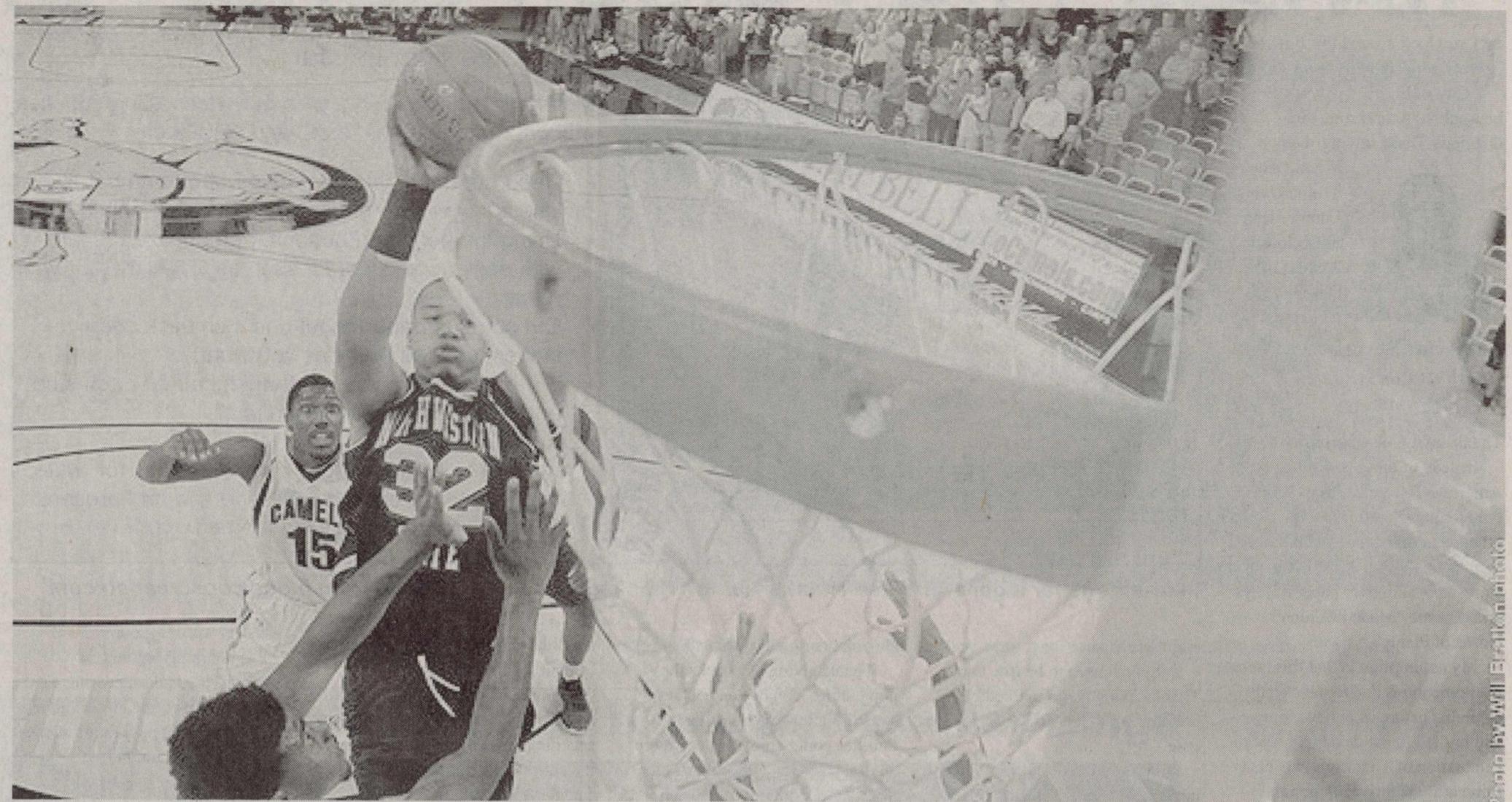


Photo by Will Bratten

Junior College transfer DeQuan Hicks soars over the Camel defender to knock down a short range jump shot. The Demons beat the Camels, 71-67.

West and Davis were both expected to do well playing off of each other this season as a pair. The strategy clearly paid off for the Demons.

"They are very talented players," McConathy said. The more they come along, and the more Shamir

and Jalan play off of each other, they'll be tough to handle. Shamir gets out in front of Jalan and then Jalan will give him the ball, where he can take it to the hole or get other players involved. Shamir did a good job and we just want him to continue

to run the floor hard and make things happen."

Of West specifically, McConathy said he had an excellent game as well as a rookie in his first career college game.

"We expect great things out of

all of our Demons, but we're extra excited about Jalan," he said.

The Demons took the momentum from their home opener and played their first road game this week as well. The Demons beat the Campbell Camels on Monday night, 71-67.

The Demons move on to another game on Saturday afternoon against the Hannibal-LaGrange Trojans at Prather Coliseum at 2 p.m. The Trojans are 0-5 coming into the game with the Demons.

## Perez leads Lady Demons in comeback win

Matthew Fowler  
Sports Info

Northwestern State followed freshman Janelle Perez's lead to overcome an eight-point deficit with just over seven minutes to play to beat Alcorn State 55-50 Monday at Prather Coliseum. Perez scored 21 points to clinch NSU's (2-0) first two-game win streak to open a season since 2007. Her three-pointer at 7:19 helped spark a 10-point run to take the lead at 5:45 left in the game.

"I'm really proud of our kids, their effort, and the way they continued to fight tonight," said new co-head Brooke Stoehr. "They are trying to figure it out, and we're going to figure it out together. We'll run into some battles and we just have to run together and fight through it."

Down 43-35, Perez sank a 3-pointer from behind the arc followed by another trey from Keisha Lee cutting Alcorn's lead to 43-41.

Jasmine Bradley forced Alcorn's Isis Smith into a turnover and hit a fast-break layup to tie the game at the 6:01 mark.

With 5:45 to play, Perez grabbed the lead with two free throws. The closest Alcorn would get after that was within two.

"I'm really proud of her (Perez). She had a few turnovers and I'm going to give her a hard time," said Stoehr. "She battled and she competed her heart out."

"That's what we need from that position," she said. "We need consistent



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Freshman Janelle Perez races down the court on a fast break.

play out of her and she played 36 minutes giving it her all."

Bradley led the pack with six rebounds on the night with six points.

Jasmine Upchurch ranked second on the team with eight points and five rebounds.

Lee finished with seven points. Five of those came in the closing minutes of the game.

"She can really stretch a defense," said Stoehr. "We just need her to figure out our defense because we need her on the floor."

Alcorn State (0-2) was led offensively by Carolinsia Crumby, who had 15 points, and Au-Juvan Andrews, who contributed 13.

The Lady Demons shot 38 percent from the field while the Lady Braves hit 37 percent. Alcorn State edged NSU in rebounding 34-31.

Stoehr praised her team's resilience and that of the NSU fans in the Lady Demons' home court debut.

"I couldn't be more proud of the way they responded when they got down," said Stoehr. "So thankful for the crowd tonight. We can't promise them wins, but we can say our kids are going to play hard and compete."

The Lady Demons will travel to Oxford, Miss., to take on Ole Miss at 11 a.m. Friday. Their next home game is next Tuesday against Wiley College.



Photo by Wendell Wilkes

Harry Briggs talks tennis with Lady Demon tennis player Tatiana Larina after the tournament.

## Tennis team participates in fundraiser

Andrea Nedorostova  
Staff Reporter

If you came to the Leesville tennis courts last Saturday, you saw many people smiling, playing tennis and having fun. Harry Briggs started a tradition five years ago—he established a tennis tournament fundraiser for nursing students at Northwestern State Leesville campus.

Briggs, who is also known as "The Padding Professor" is 91 years old, but still teaches political science courses at the NSU-Leesville campus. He has been a devoted supporter of NSU athletics for years.

"Harry Briggs established this scholarship," Patric DuBois, Lady Demon tennis head coach, said. "He started this in conjunction with the tennis team. He has always been a tennis supporter, and he felt like we

can get together on this. The tennis team from Natchitoches can come down to Leesville to promote tennis, and at the same time do work for our cause of raising a scholarship for nursing students."

The Lady Demon tennis team has been participating in this tournament every fall for the past five years. The fundraiser took place in the hometown of NSU tennis player Amy Williams who was recently awarded with a Sportsmanship award.

"I was actually born and raised in Leesville," Williams said. "I love to participate in this fundraiser because these people have seen me grow up, and it's cool to get them involved with NSU tennis. Harry Briggs has been in charge of this fundraiser. The team loves him, and we all are always glad to see him be-

cause he is one of our biggest supporters. At this fundraiser everybody is guaranteed to play three doubles matches win or lose. It's fun for us because it's not about winning, but about having fun and getting people involved."

Other participants of this fundraiser are people from the Leesville community such as local doctors and an art professor. One participant came all the way from Houston, TX to support the fundraiser.

"This fundraiser supports two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to nursing students at the NSU-Leesville campus," DuBois said. "The first three years we were raising money for only one \$500 scholarship. Two years ago, it has turned into two scholarships because we have got more people involved."

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## Annual Christmas Gala to be held Nov. 28-30

Courtesy of News Bureau

**T**he Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts at Northwestern State University will present the 24th-annual Christmas Gala Nov. 28-30 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Performance times are at 7 p.m. each evening with a 9 p.m. show on Friday, Nov. 30.

Tickets are \$10 and will be sold prior to each performance on a first-come, first-served basis. Northwestern State, BPCC@NSU and Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts students are admitted free with a current student I.D. Tickets will not be available in advance.

There will also be four performances for area school children at 9:30 a.m. and noon on Nov. 28-29. Admission for the children's show is \$3. Those planning to bring groups to the children's show should make reservations by calling Jane Norman at (318) 357-4483.

The Gala will feature the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra, the NSU

choirs, Northwestern State Department of Theatre and Dance, The NSU Jazz Orchestra, NSU Rockettes, NSU Percussion Ensemble, The Out-on-a-Limb Improv Troupe, and video and visual art provided by Northwestern State Department of Fine + Graphic Arts.

"The Gala is based on the same format as the Radio City Music Hall production and will be a family friendly show that highlights the talent we have in the School of Creative and Performing Arts," said Rorex.

"There will be several new numbers along with audience favorites from past shows such as the Dance of the Toy Wooden Soldiers, The Percussion Ensemble, and the order of monks."

Among the additions to the Gala will be Schubert's Ave Maria performed by the NSU Lyric and choreographed by dance instructor Brett Garfinkel and a new number from the Nutcracker Suite.

The performance will be enhanced by a digital organ donated to the performances by the Rogers Organ Company that will bring the sounds of a real pipe organ to the Gala.

"It takes several hundred



Photo Courtesy of News Bureau

Nearly 300 students and participants collaborated to prepare for the 24th annual Christmas Gala.

combined hours to put together our one-hour Gala and we have nearly 300 hundred students and participants," said Rorex. "Performers, stage hands, designers,

costumers, directors and conductors make this production one of the most excellent beginnings to the Christmas season."

### Annual Christmas Gala

**When:** Nov. 28-30 at 7 p.m.  
**Where:** A.A. Fredericks Auditorium  
**Admission:** \$10 to non-students



Photo Courtesy of News Bureau

The Weyerhaeuser Grant will fund travel and related expenses for faculty, as well as new printed literature and other initiatives.

## Nursing scholarship targets local students

Courtesy of News Bureau

**N**atchitoches Community Care Center contributed to a scholarship to benefit nursing students pursuing clinical studies.

The Natchitoches Community Care Center Endowed Scholarship in Nursing is a \$500 one-year award, with preference for a Natchitoches resident. The Center, formerly known as Heritage Manor, established the scholarship in 2006.

The ideal scholarship recipient is "someone who will use their nursing skills in long-term care."

We hope the scholarship will prepare a great nurse who inspires others to become nurses," said Maria Mapa, administrator.

Mapa said long-term care nursing fosters a close relationship between residents and caregivers.

"Long-term care is a different type of work," Mapa said. "You get to know the residents and they know you. You become attached to them and you get to know their children and grandchildren and are more familiar with their medical problems. You can't help but get close to them."

Natchitoches Community Care Center is a non-traditional facility with community kitchens and living areas based on a household model. Mapa said the focus of her staff is to "maintain the quality of life for the residents."

"With a projected shortage of nurses that is expected to intensify as baby boomers age, we are grateful

to Natchitoches Community Care Center for their continued support of students who feel called to careers in health care," said Brad Laird, director of University Advancement.

**For more information**

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## Faculty member contributes to book tower



LINCOLN'S ENDURING LEGACY  
Perspectives from Great Thinkers, Great Leaders, and the American Experiment



Photo Courtesy of News Bureau

MacDonald contributes to book used to create a tower in Washington. Dr. James MacDonald has found his research used in a way he never expected. MacDonald, an associate professor of history at Northwestern State University, contributed a chapter to the book, *Lincoln's Enduring Legacy: Perspectives from Great Thinkers, Great Leaders, and the American Experiment*, which was used in a creative sculpture at the Ford Theatre Center for Education and Leadership in Washington D.C.

The book was one of 200 titles used as part of a three story tower which rises 34 feet. MacDonald's chapter, *Theodore Roosevelt and the Heirs of Abraham Lincoln*, discusses the manner in which Roosevelt emulated Lincoln's leadership style at various points during his presidency. MacDonald delivered a paper on the subject at a conference at LSU-Shreveport, which led being included in the book.

More information about the book titles and the making of the tower is available at [fords.org/home/explore-lincoln/lincoln-book-tower](http://fords.org/home/explore-lincoln/lincoln-book-tower).

MacDonald received his Ph.D. from LSU in 2006. He joined the faculty of Northwestern State in 2007. He teaches classes in American history, specializing in the colonial and revolutionary periods.

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# Kim wins state piano competition

News Bureau

**N**orthwestern State University student MinJeong Kim recently won first place in the Young Artist division of the annual Louisiana Music Teachers Association piano competition. She will advance to regional competition in January.

Kim performed works by Bach, Mozart, Chopin and Dutilleux during the 60-minute competition covering the baroque, classical, romantic and 20th century periods.

"It was a difficult competition with a great deal of music to rehearse and remember from four different periods," said Kim, a senior music major from Seoul, South Korea.

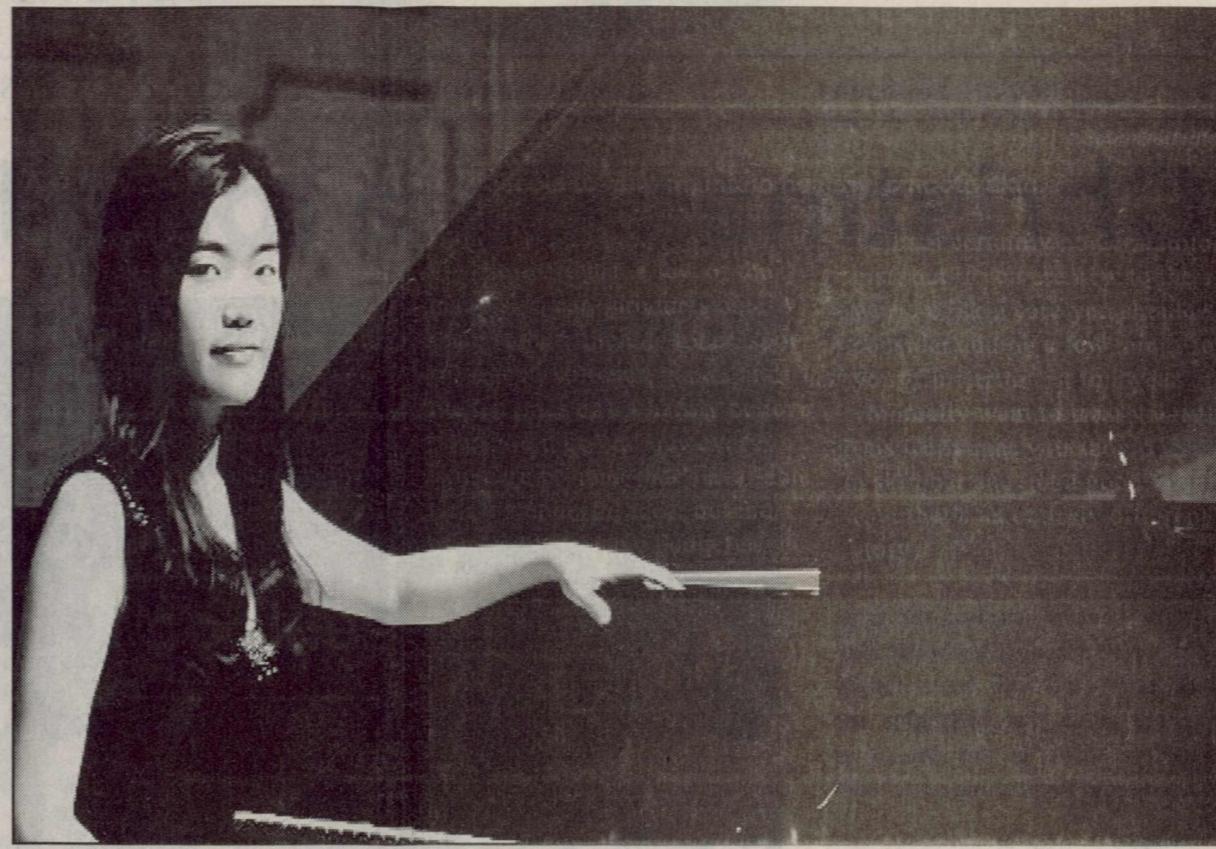
Kim was the grand prize winner of the 2011 Marjorie Stricklin Emerging Artists Competi-

tion in Monroe. She won the 2011 Rapides Symphony Concerto Competition and the 2009 Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Concerto Aria Competition. She has performed with the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra, the Rapides Symphony Orchestra and the Monroe Symphony Orchestra.

"I think I am continuing to improve as an artist," she said. "I am able to better understand music and different ways to interpret and perform music."

Kim studies with Assistant Professor of Piano Dr. Francis Yang. Erik Eklund of Ruston, who studies with Yang won the high school division of the competition.

Two NSU graduate students, Angelica Sanchez and Alonso Saavedra Coles were also in the Young Artists competition.



Courtesy of News Bureau

Northwestern State student MinJeong Kim advances to regional competition in January.

## Beautifying your exterior: the importance of skincare

**D**uring my Thanksgiving travels I made it a point to be observant of the latest and greatest merchandise.



The most wondrous of these observations occurred when I found skin heaven in the new Ulta store in Lafayette. For those of you who are not aware, Ulta is a store similar to Sephora that sells makeup and skin care products.

I could happily discuss their products and services or the "Buy 2, Get 2 Free" sale on their store-brand items, but for the purpose of this article Ulta serves as my muse. The variety of skin care products at stores like Ulta exist for a variety of skin types. Case in point, it's not a terrible idea to adopt a skin care regimen or alter your current one regardless of your complexion.

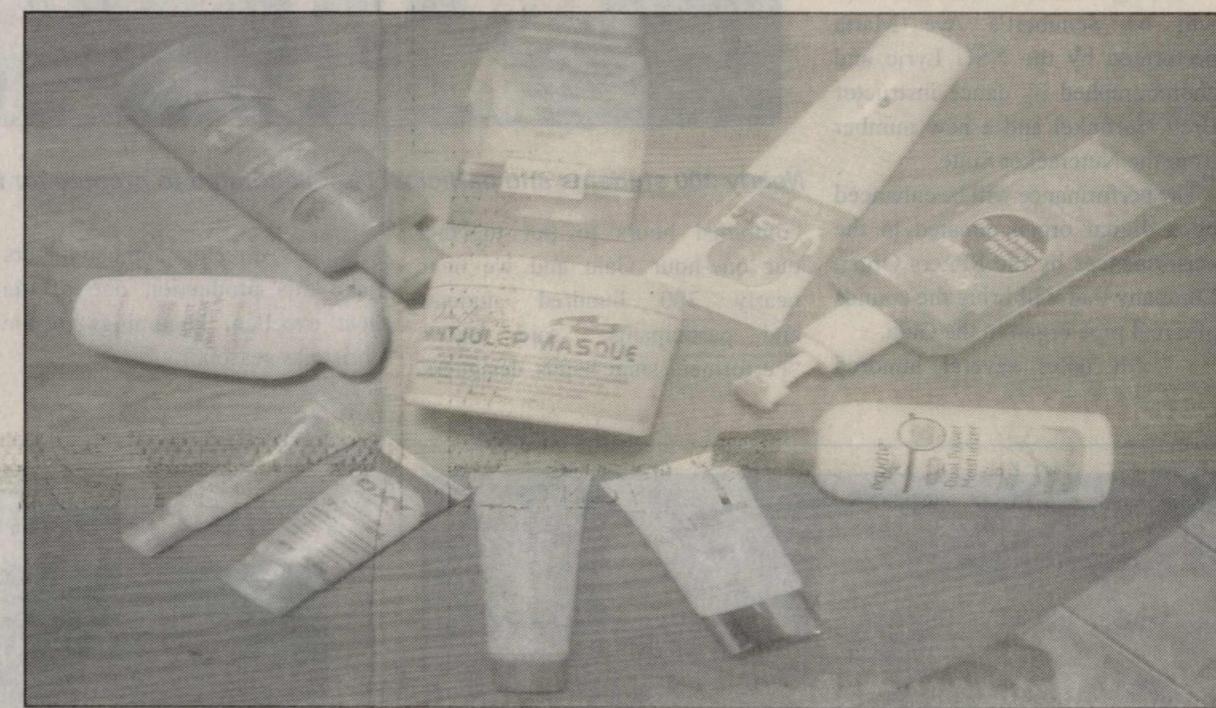
Some of us have the opposite of perfect skin and have to perform daily skin care rituals. There are others who

have perfect skin and still look amazing without a drop or speck of foundation (I salute you but you should know that you are envied).

However, there will come a time when youthful skin that doesn't need a regimen will droop like Joan Walters if she would have never met a plastic surgeon. Even if you have perfect skin now, using skin care products will increase the longevity of your healthy skin so that getting old doesn't have to be dreary.

First off, if you do not have one already, it would be wise to invest in a facial cleanser. After a long day of classes and shenanigans there are likely to be particles of dust, dirt and oil that have accumulated over your pores.

Also, you really won't be the same person in the next few years, biologically that is. Some of your body's cells die every day and are replaced by new ones. I don't know about you, but I don't like the idea of dead skin cells clinging to my skin (note that exfoliating too much



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A variety of skin care products are available to help maintain healthy, smooth skin.

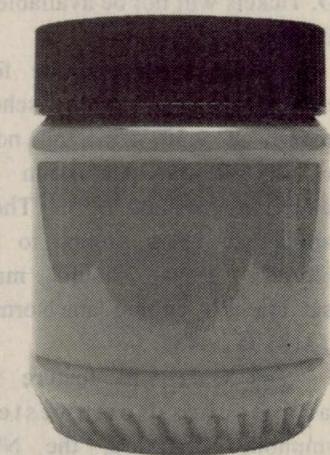
will dry out your face).

There is something else your skin nourishes for: moisture. Even if you have oily skin you should still use a moisturizer (take note of oil-free products). One day your skin will not be naturally firm and start to wrinkle; a good moisturizer will help extend the life of youthful

skin.

These are just a few of the many skin care products out there (others include toner, spot treatment, softener, masks and the list goes on). I hardly believe you should go and buy every skin care product that's available (It's a wonderful idea, but most of us actually have budgets).

I am certainly no dermatologist, but if you are new to the world of skin care you should consider adding a few things to your Christmas list this year. If you really want to treat yourself this Christmas you should find a skin bar and get a good facial (but that's an entirely different story).



## Did You Know?

**W**hether you enjoy it classically with jelly or eclectically with pickles as the New York Times recently featured, there are countless ways to enjoy peanut butter during National Peanut Butter Lovers Month! In fact, during November, Americans will celebrate by eating more than 65 million pounds of peanut butter!

Courtesy of Peanutbutterlovers.com

## Chocolate chunk peppermint cookies

Courtesy of Chef-In-Training.com

3/4 cup butter, softened  
3/4 cup brown sugar, packed  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 small package Devil's Food instant pudding mix, dry (you could also just use chocolate, too)  
2 eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 tsp. baking soda  
2 1/4 cups flour  
1 cup Andes Peppermint Crunch Baking Chips  
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chunks (semi-sweet chocolate chips will work)

**DIRECTIONS:**  
1. Cream together butter and sugars.  
2. Beat in dry instant pudding mix.  
3. Add eggs and vanilla and beat until well incorporated.  
4. Add baking soda and flour and beat until well incorporated.  
5. Stir in Andes Peppermint Crunch baking chips and semi-sweet chocolate chunks.  
6. Roll into 1" balls and place on a greased baking sheet.  
7. Bake at 350 degrees F for 8-10 minutes. I find 9 minutes to be the perfect number for my oven.  
8. Enjoy!

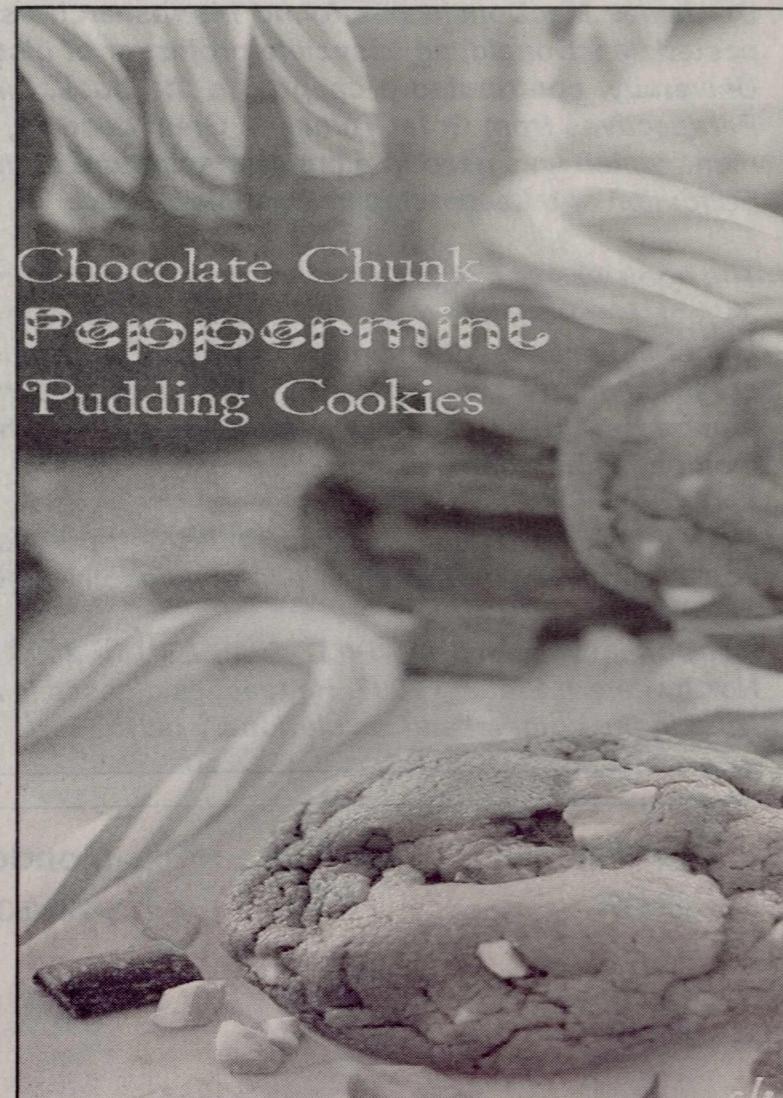


Photo by Josh Mitchell

## Fraternity crowns new Miss Black and Gold

What young woman wouldn't dream of being crowned a queen or at least in this case Miss Black and Gold? On Nov. 14, the Theta Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. held their annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant.

Senior Clarissa Morgan was crowned Miss Black and Gold. First runner-up, Miss Black, was sophomore Kyla Winey. The second runner-up, Miss Gold, was sophomore Titi Oden-Shobayo.

Morgan wins a scholarship for the 2012-2013 school year and will serve alongside the chapter moving forward to accomplish various community service goals and initiatives.

# Opinions

## Christmas Fest a headache for Natchitoches residents

**I**n something that the citizens of Natchitoches push to the back of their minds each year is the Christmas festival.

Where other towns put up a few lights around the city, Natchitoches shuts down its historic district and crowds hundreds of

**Catherine Beverly** people onto the banks of the Cane River Lake to watch fireworks and to make merry.

Let it never be said that I am

against making merry, as that's not the case at all. I'm against the Natchitoches Christmas festival for a bevy of reasons that are not related to people being happy.

The first reason is probably the most common complaint in regards to Christmas Fest: traffic.

The streets of Natchitoches are backed up, sometimes for 30 minutes or more because of the festival on Front Street. The travelers are not likely to find this a challenge, since they are here on a short vacation to see Christmas lights, but the residents are stuck out in the cold.

Excuse the extended metaphor

I'm about to use, but I think it works in relation to Christmas Fest. The Christmas Fest celebration, otherwise known as "45 Days of Lights," is in many ways like the Cane River Lake.

While Cane River Lake is pretty, and the story behind it is interesting, the lake is just a lake pretending to be a river. It may have been a river once, but it will never be again.

My attitude toward Natchitoches has shifted over the years of my college career. In the beginning I was enamored with the brick walkways and fancy gardens on Front Street, but then I realized that living in Natchitoches is not

so wonderful. It's actually a little annoying for the average college student.

Christmas Fest is a perfect example of the single-mindedness of Natchitoches' tourist board. While the residents of this city are driving around on broken roads, Natchitoches' leaders roll out the proverbial red carpet for travelers. Instead of providing benefits for everyone in Natchitoches, the Christmas Fest is aimed at tourists with a pocketful of cash.

For the rest of us, there are traffic jams on disintegrating streets and jacked up prices to stand on Front Street.

I understand the importance of the tourist industry, I really do, but I do not understand shafting the people who provide you with a year-round income.

Where others cities serve the needs of the citizens (by building "Izzo's Illegal Burrito"), Natchitoches is constantly standing in the way of incoming businesses to preserve the historic atmosphere of Front Street and Second Street.

Maybe it sounds strange, but my Christmas wish is going to be for good roads and cheap dining establishments.

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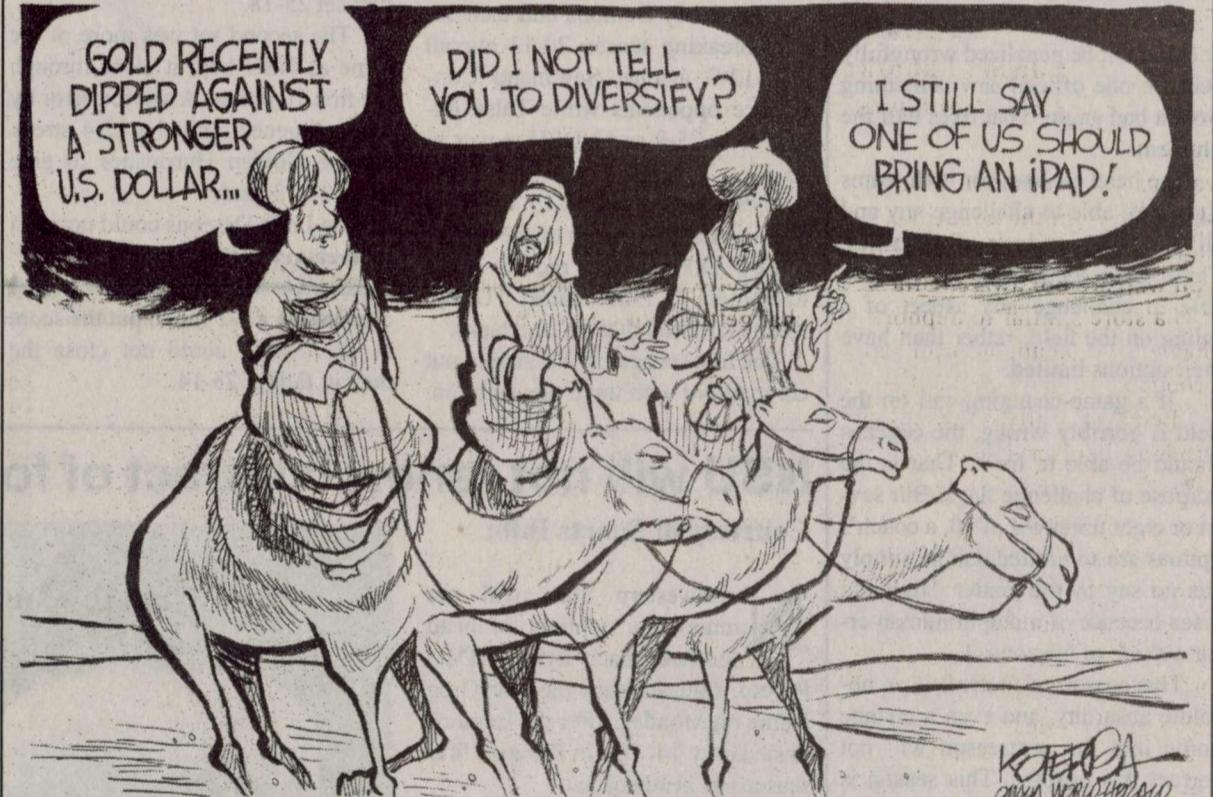
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## The yellow flag dilemma

**A**s one who would have called himself an adamant fan of football before this season, the work of the officials in the NFL this season is absolutely appalling. I am not even referring to the replacement referee problems in the beginning of the season specifically, although that seemed to be the trigger for all officiating to go down the toilet.

Linemen are getting away with more facemask penalties than ever. Horse-collar tackles are nearly the only thing being used to take down a running back. Pass interference, offensive and defensive, are suddenly both completely arbitrary rulings. It's to the point where NFL games should air on Comedy Central instead of ESPN.

The problem is caused by the subjective nature of humans mixed with the fast-paced action of the game itself. This is where things need to be fixed. Yellow flags from referees should not automatically be penalties, but instead should let the replay booth—with the ability to slow down the action and see multiple angles—judge the play and if there was a rule infraction or not.

If penalties were reviewed, a player could not be penalized wrongfully because one official saw something from a bad angle. That fixes half the problem.

The head coaches for both teams should be able to challenge any and all penalties, or lack of penalties. These head coaches should also be able to challenge any aspect of a ruling on the field, rather than have their options limited.

If a game-changing call on the field is horribly wrong, the coaches should be able to fix it. That is the purpose of challenge flags. But seven or eight times out of 10, a coach's options are so limited that he simply has no say in the matter. His team loses because of a stupid human error outside of his control.

This season of football is an absolute absurdity, and even a change going into the postseason will not correct this mistake. This season is basically inconsequential. The NFL needs to fix the entire concept of officiating if it wants to fit any definition of the word integrity, which most sports aim to fit.

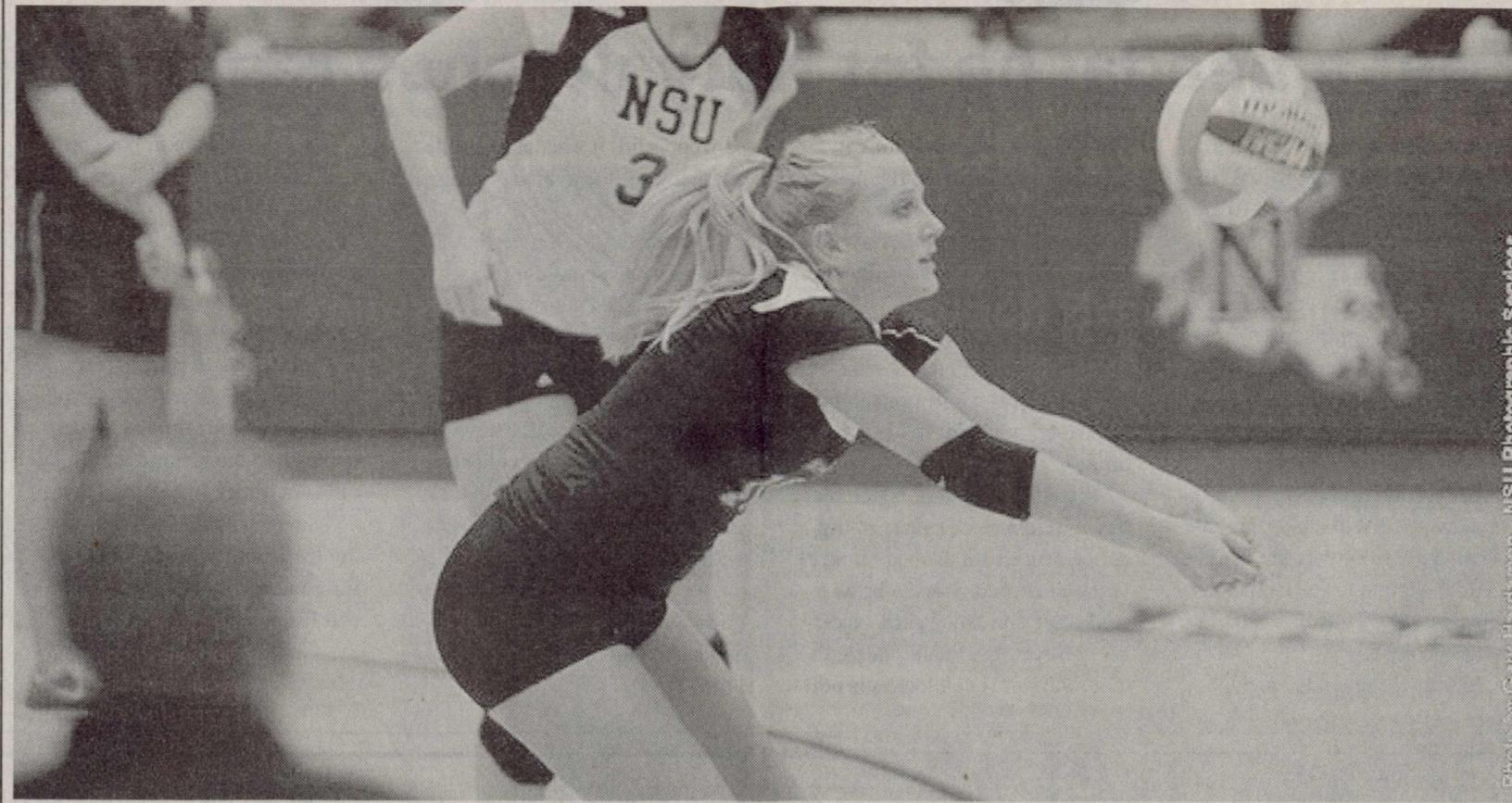
Referees have the ability to completely change the outcome of a game with their officiating. This is perfectly exemplified by the Packers at Seahawks game during week three. One call completely shows every aspect of problems with officiating the way it is today.

There are arbitrary rules for whether pass interference is called or not called. The difference between touchdowns and interceptions is based on the subjectivity of what each official sees. Head coaches have limited power and are unable to challenge who caught the ball—because that cannot be reviewed at all for some reason—are unable to challenge within the last two minutes of play or challenge an aspect of a

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Chris Degeyter  
Staff Reporter



Demon setter Keelie Arneson digs an attack. The team finished the season with an overall record of 20-13, 12-7 in conference.

## Lady Demons drop final two matches of 2012

**Kellie O'Brien**  
Sauce Reporter

**S**tacey DiFrancesco and Keelie Arneson led the Northwestern State volleyball team once again on Friday afternoon but their efforts fell short as the Lady Demons dropped their final two matches of the season against No. 54 Tulsa and North Dakota State.

The Lady Demons end their record-breaking season 20-13 overall and 12-7 against Southland Conference opponents while Tulsa improves to 25-9 and NDSU moves to 13-17.

NSU fell 25-18, 25-15, 25-14 to Tulsa in its' first match of the day. Stacey DiFrancesco racked up a team-high 12 kills against TU and Keelie Arneson dug up 10 attacks.

The first set against TU started out competitive with three ties early on.

A kill by Tyler Henderson sparked a 4-0 run for the Golden Hurricanes to put the score at 7-3.

The Lady Demons fought back, putting up three unanswered points of their own to come within two points at the 11-9 mark. Tulsa pulled away after a DiFrancesco attack error led to another 3-0 run to put the score at 18-11. NSU was unable to recover, dropping the first set 25-18.

The second set was more of the same as NSU kept it close through the first 10 points. A service error by Kelly Jimenez ignited a 12-4 streak for the Golden Hurricanes to give TU a 22-13 lead.

The Lady Demons could not gain momentum as they fell 25-15. Tulsa wasted no time in the third set, completing a 9-1 run to put the score at 18-7. NSU could not close the deficit, falling 25-21.

The Lady Demons took one set off of NDSU in their second match of the day before dropping the match 25-21, 20-25, 25-22, 25-20.

Caiti O'Connell led NSU against the Bison, landing 17 kills, while Arneson collected an astonishing 33 digs.

DiFrancesco also had an impressive match, recording her 14th double-double of the year with 15 kills and 15 digs.

The first set was the most competitive of the four, totaling nine ties and six lead changes. The Bison led early on until a 4-1 streak gave NSU the lead at the 8-7 mark.

The Lady Demons held onto their lead until an O'Connell attack error allowed NDSU to take over as the scoreboard read 18-17.

NSU could not hold on as the Bison closed the set out on a 4-0 run, winning 25-21.

The Lady Demons came out hot in the second set, gaining a 10-1 advantage. NDSU slowly fought its' way back into the game, trimming the deficit to three points at the 23-20 mark.

NSU was able to regain its' momentum in the end, taking the set 25-22.

The third set was competitive in the beginning until the Bison completed a 6-1 streak to go up 15-9. The Lady Demons fought back, scoring five unanswered points, to bring the score to 22-21, in NDSU's favor, but fell short as the Bison won 25-22.

The final set was more of the same as NSU led early on. A series of NDSU 3-0 runs gave the Bison the advantage and the Lady Demons were unable to answer, falling 25-20.

NSU volleyball returns to action in the spring with a series of exhibition matches.

## Dynomite: Are you team Manziel or team Te'o?

**T**here is less than a week left in the Heisman Trophy race, and the college football world couldn't be more polarized. Some college

football fans are screaming for Texas A&M's freshman quarterback Johnny "Football" Manziel, and some are screaming for Notre Dame's senior linebacker Manti Te'o.

Some would say the debate is like a presidential election, but I think it's more like the Team Jacob versus Team Edward argument between two teenage girls.

All I hear is that Te'o can't be the Heisman because he plays defense, or Manziel can't be it because he's a freshman in a two-loss team.

Johnny Football and Te'o are amazing football players and worthy of many awards for their play this season.

I'm starting to notice that people are beginning to ride the wave of Johnny Football because he is the guy with the cool nickname. He's the quarterback. He's the freshman. He beat Alabama. Those points are the driving force behind most of his supporters.

If you're more into the numbers, Manziel boasts an impressive stat sheet. He threw for more than 3,000 yards while finding the end zone through the air 24 times.

He would probably be Edward.

Te'o supporters argue that he is the best player on the only bowl eligible unbeaten team. That is very convincing statement is convincing.

One of Te'o's biggest supporters is his head coach, Brian Kelly. Kelly stated that Te'o deserves the Heisman and if he doesn't win, the award should be an offensive player only award.

Offensive players have won the Heisman every year since 1997 when Charles Woodson won. Woodson was a defensive back that also returned punts for Michigan. Te'o is the backbone of the team that has been forgotten in the college football world and will compete for the National Championship against Alabama or Georgia.

Many people think this is the only reason Te'o is in the race.

He doesn't have the numbers to stand toe-to-toe with Johnny Football, but his presence on the field reshaped an entire football program. Te'o has six interceptions and over 100 tackles.

Both candidates deserve to win the Heisman, but there can only be one winner in this race.

I think Te'o should win the Heisman because he is a player that has been building his trophy resume for the entire season.

Johnny Football has just become a household name in the recent weeks.

To me, the Heisman Trophy is more than a statistical award. I think a player's integrity and how he gets the entire team involved has to come into play.

Te'o has embodied that aspect of the Heisman Trophy.

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Photo by Gary Hardamon

Bradley Peveto was head coach of the football team for four years. He went 0-11 his first season and finished with a record of 14-30.

has genuinely had the best interest of our football student-athletes in mind on a daily basis.

"He has developed close and, in some cases, renewed long-lasting relationships in the community, as well as with former players and with countless alumni. He really loves this university and this community and dedicated himself with unlimited energy to bettering the fortunes of Demon football," said Burke.

"Going in a different direction with our head coaching position is not an easy decision," said Burke, "because Bradley Dale has represented NSU in such a positive fashion and

opened close relationships with Bradley Dale, in wishing him the best of luck in moving forward."

Peveto was the Demons' defensive coordinator under legendary coach Sam Goodwin in 1996-98, helping Northwestern win the 1997 and 1998 Southland championships and make playoff appearances both seasons, including advancing to the FCS semifinals in 1998.

He was hired as head coach after four seasons on the LSU staff under Les Miles, including the 2007 BCS national championship campaign.

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## Caspari construction approaching completion

Damian Glover  
Sauce Reporter

The \$3.56 million program to reconstruct Caspari Hall will house several of the offices including the office of the Randall J. Webb, NSU President. The building will also include the offices of Internal Auditor and Institutional Research, Provost Lisa Abney and Vice Provost Steve Horton.

The newly renovated hall will house an office for university planning which will be led by director of the services, Veronica Bisco. The job of university planning is to aid and assist in any accreditation that takes place on campus. The office will also conduct assessments for graduating students and also produce advising surveys to students during and at the end of the semester.

Besides holding offices for the university authority, Caspari Hall will also serve as the new home for the Dean of liberal arts and graduate studies.

The new location of graduate will allow access to more information in regarding the student's field of study. It will also provide an easier access to the new Student Services Building becomes of its adjacent side by side location.

Elizabeth Champagne, sophomore early childhood education major, is elated about the new move and future plans for Caspari Hall.

"The new reconstruction of the hall and also the move of the offices is not only benefiting present and future students, but Caspari also will serve as an inviting area to tourist and future graduate students such as myself because of its new appealing architecture," Champagne said.

Before the reconstruction process began in the summer, the historic property was once home to many former students and several offices such as student services and continuing education.

The hall started out as a two-story dormitory for male students, was transformed into a office for continuing education and then was reverted back to a dormitory. Now the building will have a new level added on that will provide more room for future plans.

Dolores Cormier-Zenon, former masters of education in educational technology graduate student of the university, believes that the new project will have many opportunities.

"Caspari Hall will not only serve as just a building but as a



*The \$3 million dollar project will house a number of offices that were once in Roy Hall. It's scheduled for completion this spring.*

home, a meeting ground or a center location to past, present and future students who may come back to acquire more certifications or degrees,"

Zenon said.

The president's office is currently located in the new CAPA building below Hanchey Art Gallery. The office of the provost, vice

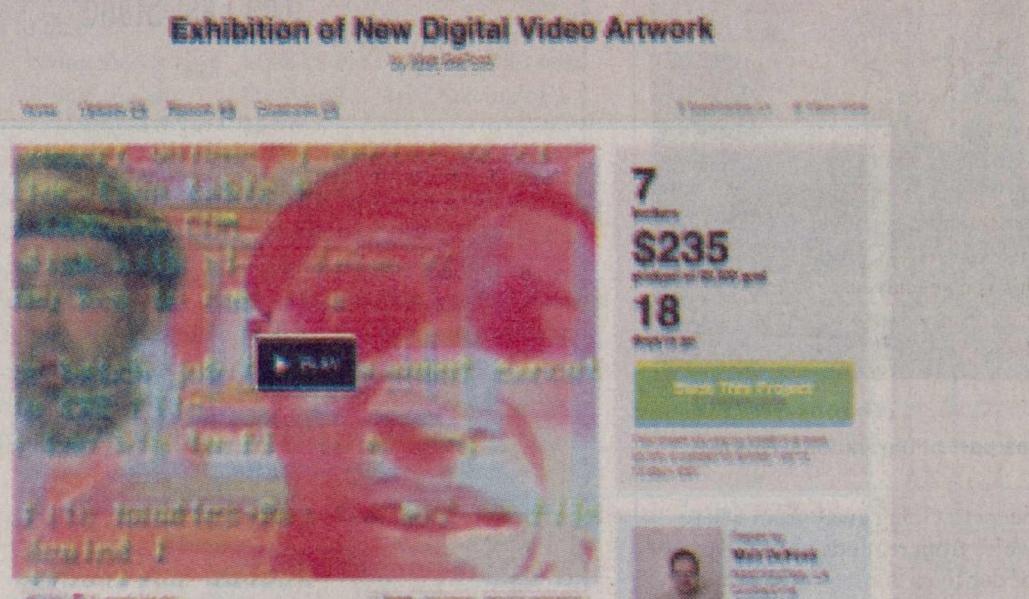
provost, dean of liberal arts and graduate studies are located in Roy Hall next to the WRAC.

The internal auditor and university research are also located in

Roy Hall. Future plans for Roy Hall have not been made yet and will be determined at a future date. Completion of this year-long project is scheduled for this spring.

## Art teacher uses technology to help fund project

Jarred Roberts  
Sauce Reporter



DeFord has 18 days left to reach his target amount of \$5,000 to fund his digital art project.

Matt DeFord, associate professor of art, is off to the Internet in hopes of funding his new project by using the website Kickstarter.com to help get his newest project into art galleries.

DeFord has had his works presented in galleries before but this is a special case. "I've recently gone into video art, so exhibiting the art is very difficult because of the screens," DeFord said. DeFord is seeking \$5,000 for television screens to showcase his new art.

DeFord is using Kickstarter to raise the money. Kickstarter is a website that allows a person to post their idea or project and accept donations within an allotted time. To increase incentive, most kickstarters offer rewards for different donation amounts.

"Three buttons costs \$10 and a full kickset of 10 costs \$25," DeFord said.

"More buttons get you a DVD and then acknowledgments. At 500 buttons you get a personal piece of video art. At 1,000 you get a one of a kind video piece, framed."

DeFord found Kickstarter through one of his students last year and loved the idea.

"A wonderful grassroots way of funding projects to keep corporate out of it," he said.

DeFord intends to advise the platform to his students and have them use it to fund their projects.

DeFord has been doing video art since 2011. He was reminded of flipbooks he made as a child.

"I went onto YouTube and I found videos of geese flying and broke the frames down. It got me

involved in youtube imagery. I moved it from the flip book to video. I started getting into iMovie and started creating videos with imagery and sound solely from YouTube."

DeFord has his own website, mattdeford.com, where some of his video art can be found.

Future plans for DeFord include researching "app art," applications for tablets that enable a person to interact with art. He also wants to continue submitting arts to exhibits and eventually give away or auction off his art.

"I'm an exhibiting artist," DeFord said. "I find that when they're storage they are dead. I want them to be alive."

Anyone who wishes to help DeFord can simply head to Kickstarter.com and search Matt DeFord. The kickstarter ends on Feb. 10.

## Mayor Lee Posey considers new improvements for Natchitoches

Andrea Nedorostova  
Sauce Reporter

Have you ever driven in Natchitoches and seen a cyclist who was confused as to whether to cycle on the road and slow down the traffic or cycle on the pavement and threaten the pedestrians?

This should not be an issue any longer as Mayor Lee Posey and many of the city department heads are having an interest in adding bicycle lanes on Natchitoches roads.

As Natchitoches is a smaller town, many NSU students and Natchitoches residents prefer using bicycles to get to their destinations.

First, using a bicycle saves mon-

ey for gas. Second, cycling saves the environment; Third, cycling is a great exercise that keeps people fit. The city of Natchitoches desires to become a more bicycle friendly community for many reasons.

"We want for our residents to be able to cycle safely," Lisa Cooley of Programming and Promotions of the Main Street, said.

"There are many health benefits of bicycling," Cooley said. "The issue of quality of life also comes up when looking at bike lanes. The more options you offer to your residents to maintain healthy lifestyles, the better the quality of life in a city. Bike lanes also influence economic development. When businesses look to relocate, they look for a 'quality

of place.'"

Conway, a city in Arkansas, which is a certified 'Bicycle Friendly Community,' has inspired Natchitoches by its economic development that partially resulted from providing bike lines to its residents. The City of Natchitoches hosted a meeting on Jan. 15 where adding bike lanes and trails on Natchitoches roads was discussed. The meeting was open to public.

"We hosted a meeting to gauge the community's interest in becoming a more bicycle-friendly community and had an overwhelming response," Cooley said. "It's obvious that many residents of Natchitoches are in favor of this endeavor."

Natchitoches residents and also

NSU students who can't afford vehicles are in favor of this project.

"The only way how I can get to the places I need is on my bicycle," Tatiana Larina, hospitality management and tourism major, said. "First, I cannot afford car, and second, I really love cycling. I feel very confident when I ride my bicycle on the road but I don't trust the drivers. Therefore, I prefer riding on the pavement."

Adding the bike lanes will make me feel safer, and I will be able to enjoy riding more instead of worrying who is behind me."

With the construction and repaving



*Photo by Andrea Nedorostova  
NSU sophomore Tatiana Larina rides her bike daily around the city. Her bike is her only transportation.*

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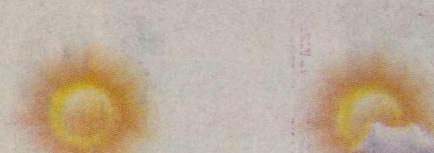
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# Collier sings her way into LOB crown

Jessica Blow

Staff Writer

**O**verwhelmed with a mixture of nervousness and excitement, eight NSU ladies patiently awaited the announcement of the 55th Annual Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet.

Breanna Collier of Bossier City was crowned the new face of NSU.

The Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet pageant, often referred to as LOB, is a scholarship pageant that also serves as a preliminary for the Miss Louisiana pageant. The Student Activities Board sponsors the program and was hosted this year by Miss Louisiana 2012, Lauren Vizza.

The LOB pageant began in 1958 when Kahne Dipola was crowned the first LOB. She received a gold bracelet to wear the following year to represent the university in public. Over the years, the bracelet has been passed down to each holder of the title.

The sophomore musical theatre major was awarded over \$5,000 in scholarships and prizes. In addition to being crowned LOB, Collier also won the Liz Carroll People's Choice Award, as voted

on by members of the audience and the talent portion of the competition.

Kyla Winey of Lafayette was first runner-up. Alyson Humphrey of Bossier City was second runner-up, and Bailee Cartwright of Holdenville, Okla., was third runner-up.

Collier is a member of the Demon Dazzlers dance line, Phi Mu Fraternity, NSU Glee Club and the Student Theatre Organization.

Along with the other contestants Collier had to perform in an opening act dance and introduction, as well as compete in swimsuit, evening gown talent and on-stage question portions.

Collier's talent was singing, and she sang "Don't Rain on My Parade" by Barbra Streisand.

"Pageants can be scary at first," Collier explained.

Although, according to Collier, once the music plays and the audience cheers, the stage becomes her second home.

Collier, no stranger to the stage, has competed in pageants since she was six-years-old. As a child, Collier has lived in many states, but according to her, this has only strengthened her communication skills and made her more outgoing—little things that help her with competing in pageants.

Although, this pageant was different, because this was the first time she won a title.

According to Collier, she was overwhelmed as her name was called as the winner of LOB.

Prior to LOB, Collier competed in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant.

She took this pageant as preparation for LOB along with eating healthy and exercising. According to Collier, the preparations became difficult at times because she was readjusting to attending school.

"The practices were fun," Collier said. "They are not as competitive as people would think."

According to Collier, the

pageant allowed her to make new friends and learn from her competition.

Collier stayed motivated by her family, the rewards, being NSU's representative at Miss Louisiana and a chance to compete in Miss Louisiana. She will go on to compete in June at the Miss Louisiana Pageant held in Monroe. She will start her preparations in Feb., by getting a coach to perfect her modeling, improve her talent and also sharpen her knowledge in Louisiana history.

"It's a dream come true to say I am competing in Miss Louisiana," Collier said.

According to Collier it's something she has always wanting to do, as she watched pageants like Miss Louisiana as a child.

"The best part of winning is getting chance to represent my peers and Northwestern as a whole, see new doors opening and meeting new people," Collier said.

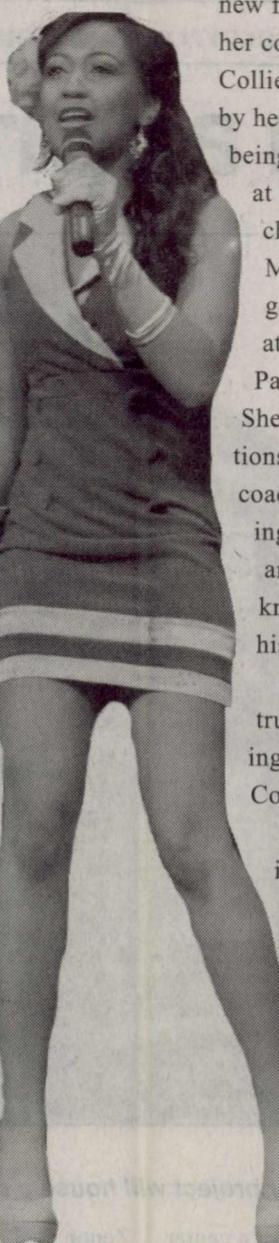


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Breanna Collier, the 2013 Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet, is crowned by 2012 LOB, Tori Thompson.

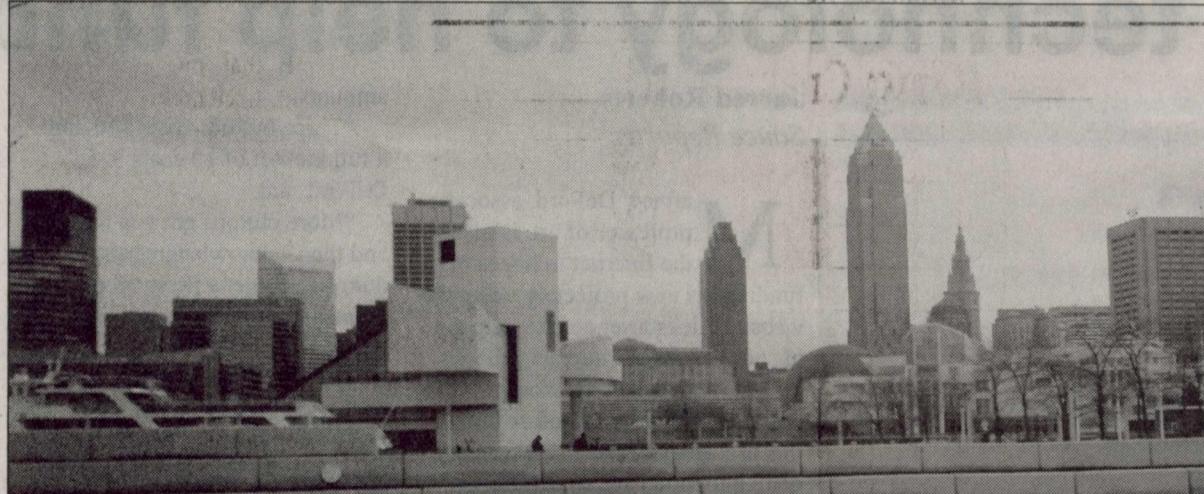
## Student studies north of the Mason-Dixon line

**I**t's certainly not the glamorous Isle of Manhattan, but it's hardly a Southern small town known for chasing chickens down the road during Mardi Gras either. For the next few months I'll be writing to you from Cleveland, Ohio, where I am attending Cleveland State University through the National Student Exchange program.

The first few days here certainly brought about the realization that Toto is not in Louisiana anymore. Any Southern-raised individual can tell that the Mason-Dixon line has been crossed just by walking into a grocery store. It's one thing to know that brands like Blue Bell and Community Coffee are Southern, but it's another thing to walk into a grocery store after 20 years and suddenly not see them.

However, the city certainly has its benefits. I live in the campus area, and anytime I need to go to the heart of downtown I take the rapid transit bus on the infamous Euclid Ave.

Positive characteristics of Cleveland like rapid public transit were unknown to me hidden beneath talk of urban decline and the rivalry between the Steelers and Browns. For example, I had no idea before I moved here that Cleveland houses the Playhouse



Feature writer Jacob Labutka is studying in Cleveland, Ohio, this semester as part of the National Student Exchange. He took this picture from the Lake Erie Pier.

Square Theatre District whose size is second only to that of New York.

This city did meet many challenges when the Rust Belt declined in the 1970s, but Cleveland has done well revitalizing itself. There are eco-friendly urban initiatives that are creatively making green space and a city once known for a lack of food culture now has a wide variety of cuisine.

So far, most of what I have eaten seems bland compared to spicy Louisiana food, especially when something that's "spicy" up here is the equivalent of mild 1,200 miles to the south. However, I have hardly tried everything up here yet, and will not give up on finding the best of the spicy and flavorful.

It seems that no matter where I travel people always ask me all sorts of questions. Of course the classic, "How tall are you?" is still asked when people find themselves standing in front of the 6' 7" giant that is me. However, when people realize that I'm from Louisiana they often ask how I like the cold.

A few wonder how I could survive the ice of winter wonderland after being plunged here from the fires of the deep south. To that I say it's all about being prepared. All you need to survive is the right accessories, a warm coat and winter leggings.

What is more true than anything else is how much I miss the wonderful aspects about my life back home (shout out to my Scholars'

peeps!). Going away from where we're from reminds us of the parts of our lives that are most valuable. We're reminded of what has made us the people we are.

It's strange not having my best friends around me every day. But the friends I have made and the education I have received has given me the confidence to start anew.

People asked me before I left if I felt nervous about my relocation and each time I answered with a resolute no. There are so many opportunities out there for all of us and despite whatever has happened in our lives thus far, we're all searching for new beginnings.

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# 'Happy Readers': Is America next?

**M**cDonald's has recently revealed that the "Happy Meal" toy children are so fond of will be replaced with a book. While this may seem like a lucrative deal, as books are far more valuable a resource to receive as a add-on item at a fast-food restaurant, the only draw back is that the new feature will only be available in the United Kingdom for the foreseeable future.

Catherine Beverly  
Opinions Editor



of Happy Meal toys, mostly by those who claim the toys are persuading children to want fast food, the big question whether or not the new shift to books will be successful.

Their new campaign comes from research from British National Literacy Trust after it was discovered that in the United Kingdom,

30 percent of children don't own any books. There are articles written using these statistics from over two years ago.

While McDonald's has faced multiple lawsuits for its distribution

Not only will "Happy Readers" hopefully help lower these numbers, it will also make McDonald's the largest children's book distributor in the United Kingdom.

While there is no comparable information available for the United States, the website FirstBook.com compiled some information on the availability of books for low-income areas.

According to this site, 80 percent of programs and pre-schools serving children in don't own any books. This leads 83 percent of low-income fourth graders to earn grades of "Below Proficient" in reading.

Despite this data and the knowledge that many low and middle-income families are likely to eat out at fast food restaurants, as stated in a press release from UC Davis, McDonald's has shown no inclination to start the "Happy Readers Program in the United States.

If the test run in Britain goes well, perhaps Americans will start seeing books in their Happy Meals. While this will not decrease the unhealthiness of the meal, it would be better than the prerequisite low-priced toys and baubles that children have received for years.

Organizations like "First Book" truly believe that giving a child a book greatly increases the chances of that child being more literate in the future. If our communities' preschools and daycare centers cannot provide the necessary material for children to foster a love of reading, it must be regulated to businesses like McDonald's.

After we make this concession, the next step is to realize that if the education of our children has fallen into the hands of corporations, then our state and local government is obviously not fulfilling its duties.

## We need writers!

Our newspaper needs stories written by students. Come by our office, 227 Kyser, if you would like to join.

Meetings every Monday at 4:00 p.m. We hope to hear from you!

- Current Sauce staff

## Take the stairs!

**E**ver since the beginning of school, I have been battling a very nasty and determined plantar's wart. If one does not know about a plantar's wart, it is a very irritating wart that grows on the bottom of one's foot. It is incredibly painful and incredibly hard to get rid of.

I do not know how one gets these little boogers, but I managed to get one. After finally getting the wart cut out, which the doctor said was huge even for that kind of wart, the devilish fiend came back with a vengeance.

About a month and a half later, I went back to the doctor because I had a feeling that the thing was coming back. Turns out, I now had three to four warts now. Frustrated, I listened to the options of how to rid myself of these brutes, and surgery was the only option.

After my surgery, I was not allowed to walk or stand for long periods of time—all of that jazz. I started to feel better and was able to go to school. I walk extremely slowly, and I have to take the elevators. I despise taking the elevators here for multiple reasons.

Reason number one is that it is slow, and I am a fast-paced, determined individual. I would rather take the stairs than have the wait for an elevator. Reason number two is that the elevator is for the handicapped and inhibited.

Reason number three is that there are always at least six able-bodied people waiting for this



Camille Mosley  
Freshman Scholar

I am the not healthiest person, either, but I at least respect the people who need the elevator. On Monday I was waiting on the elevator. I was on the third floor, so there was really no hope that I could make it down the stairs. When the elevator finally arrived, there were at least seven people in the elevator.

There was only one crippled person on crutches. A guy whom I was talking to got on the elevator before I could and then, lo and behold, there was no more room for me. I had to wait for yet another elevator. I was fuming. I'm not even supposed to be on my foot for very long!

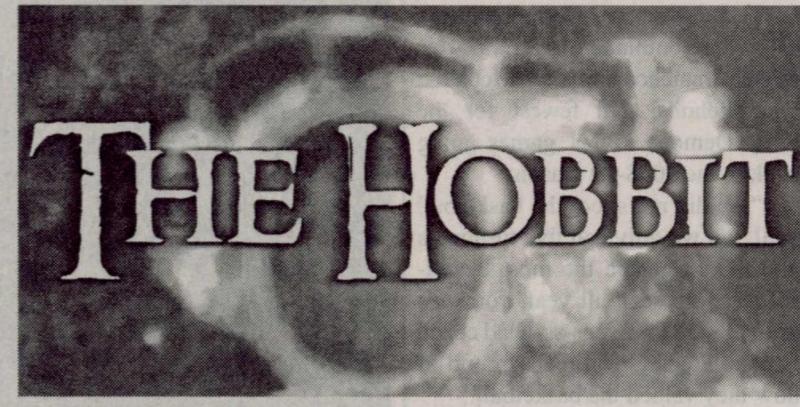
Is there something wrong with some people that feel the need to ride on the freaking elevator and make the people who actually need the elevator wait? Seriously? It's a matter of respect. Just take the stairs! It is not that big of a deal!

I really hope that there is a Zombie Apocalypse one day and these elevator-waiting people experience what it's like to actually use their legs and not wait for things to be handed to them. The people who use the stairs, including myself, will be in much better shape because of this.

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## 'The Hobbit': An expected delight

### Rating: ••••○

Annie Desoto-Buras  
Guest columnist

There was widespread excitement among Tolkien fans when a film version of "The Hobbit" was announced, and that excitement continued right through the release date.

The excitement was tempered, however, by some concern that the movie might not do justice to the book.

Happily, that concern was quite unfounded, since not only "The Hobbit" book, but also elements of some of J. R. R. Tolkien's other works in that universe were utilized to create the kind of wonderful work that we have come to expect from the production team involved.

"The Hobbit" tells the story of Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman), a quiet, home-loving hobbit who was content to sit at home reading and eating until Gandalf (Sir Ian McKellen) invited him on the adventure of a lifetime.

Bilbo is selected to accompany a band of dwarves, led by Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage), in a quest to reclaim their home mountain, which has been taken over by the dragon Smaug.

Along the way they encounter some memorable and recognizable characters, including Azog the Defiler, an orc with whom Thorin

has a long-standing enmity; Radagast the Brown, a wizard who lives in the forest and is perhaps too fond of mushrooms; and some old friends like Galadriel, Elrond, and Sauruman, from "The Lord of the Rings."

The cinematography is exactly what we are accustomed to from "The Lord of the Rings" movies, which is to say, spectacular. New Zealand is as gorgeous as ever in this film, and it truly is the perfect setting for Middle Earth.

Watching the film in 3-D is a great experience, but if you're not willing to shell out the extra money, you won't suffer for only seeing the non-3-D version.

Reading the book is also not required since the story sucks you in whether you're a long-time fan or you're just being introduced to the world of Middle Earth. You can expect to be left wanting more, however, since "The Hobbit" book is going to be split into multiple movies.

In short, the acting is very good, the characters likeable, the story involving and the scenery beautiful. The worst part of "The Hobbit" is the knowledge that we have to wait until the end of the year for the next installment. So go to your local theater and pick up a ticket for "The Hobbit" today.

Go. Watch. Enjoy.

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## NSU outlasts SLU, 64-55

Jimmie Walker

Courtesy of Sports Info:

K eisha Lee's second-straight career night with 23 points and efficient ball handling by the Northwestern State women's basketball team led to a 64-55 win over Southeastern Louisiana Saturday in Southland Conference action.

NSU (7-10, 3-4) turned the ball over only five times against the Lady Lions (7-10, 0-6) and earned its first conference win streak in two seasons.

Those five turnovers are the fewest in the Southland Conference this season, matched only by McNeese and Nicholls, and fewest for the Lady Demons in 111 games going back to the 2008-09 season.

"We did not shoot the basketball well, but we only had five turnovers and that might be the most beautiful stat I've seen all year from this group," said first-year-co-head coach Brooke Stoehr. "I'm really proud of how they valued the basketball."

The Lady Demons shot only 34 percent, the lowest since conference play opened, but were able to keep the lead by taking care of the ball and only allowing four points off turnovers. Opponents averaged 17.9 points off of turnovers going into the game.

The Lady Demons sank 80 percent (20-25) of their free throws, registering the second-highest totals of attempts and makes this season.

Northwestern State took control with a 17-2 run over almost nine minutes midway through the first half, erasing a quick 11-2 deficit. A layup before the halftime buzzer by Jasmine Upchurch gave the Lady Demons their biggest first-half lead, 29-20, and their first halftime advantage in seven games and only the third of the season.

The margin was as big as 13 afterward. Southeastern scrapped back within 56-53 with 1:44 to go, but Upchurch sank two free throws 24 seconds later and Janelle Perez made three of four in the next half-minute to make it 61-53 with 30 seconds left, securing the outcome. Lee bested her career mark for the second straight game with her 23 points. She also had seven rebounds, two steals, and one assist on the game.

"Keisha might have been more tentative in the early part of the season," said Stoehr. "She has gained some confidence, and she knows we've given her the green light to take some shots."

Perez and Upchurch both scored in double-digits as well. Perez finished with 18, three short of her career high, and Upchurch scored 13 and grabbed nine boards, barely missing her third double-double on the season.

"I think for a point guard of Janelle's size, she did a good job getting our team into the right look offensively," said Stoehr. "She valued the basketball and knocked down some big shots for us."

"Jasmine (Upchurch) is a big key for what we try to do offensively."

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Photo by Gary Hardamon

Transfer Brison Whites skies up for the dunk. NSU defeated SLU, 103-68 Saturday night.

## Tennis hopes to start season off on the right foot

Jimmie Walker  
Editor-In-Chief

C onsistency has been a theme for Northwestern State's tennis team, and head coach Patrice Dubois believes this year will not be different.

"We had a solid fall season of individual results in individual tournaments with improvement on the part of everyone. We now have to put all of this together and compete at a high level as a team each and every time out this spring."

Depth will be an essential tool for the Lady Demons this season. Eight players compete for six starting spots. The number includes senior team captain Andrea Nedorostova, who is the only senior for the team.

"Andrea has been an outstanding competitor and teammate during her four years as a Lady Demon," Dubois said. "She is a very hard worker who continues to improve on the court and as a leader."

Dubois describes Nedorostova as a quiet leader that leads by example through her actions on the court, off the court, and in the classroom.

"Her teammates see how hard she works and strives to improve and the results she gets; this certainly sets the tone for her teammates," Dubois said.

said.

The Czech Republic native earned All-Southland Conference Women's Tennis Team second team honors, LSWA All-Louisiana Tennis Team second team honors and Southland Conference All-Academic Team second team honors.

She finished with a singles record of 13-6 and had a Southland Conference record of 8-4 in 2012.

Nedorostova also had a record of 15-4 in doubles play with teammate Tatiana Larina. Larina also performed well individually during her first year as a Demon.

She was last year's Southland Conference Freshman of the Year and finished with a singles record of 16-3 and dropped only one match in Southland Conference play.

"Tatiana had flashes of brilliance this fall and we expect Tatiana to play this spring the way she competed most of her freshman campaign, which was a very high caliber level of tennis," Dubois said.

Also returning is junior transfer Polina Konop. Originally from Ukraine, Konop finished her first season as a Lady Demon with a record of 16-3 and earned first team All-Southland Conference Women's tennis honors.

"Polina won a lot of matches this

fall in singles and showed that she can win in doubles with different partners, which is always a valuable asset," Dubois said.

Rounding out the returners are sophomores Amy Williams, Linda Gamo and Olga Leyshyna. Williams' first season with the Lady Demons resulted in a singles record of 6-11 and a doubles record of 7-11. Gamo finished her first season with the Lady Demons 4-5 in singles competition at the No. 3 spot. Leyshyna compiled a singles record of 4-4.

Two newcomers, Nataly Krutova and Daniela Simnova, joined the team.

"Nataly and Daniela have both worked hard on their games and will certainly see plenty of action for the Lady Demons this spring," Dubois said. "They have fit in immediately with our system and with their teammates in general to help continue our great tradition of strength as a team."

"Competition always brings out the best in our team and keeps all players prepared to represent the Lady Demons when called upon," Dubois said. "Our team needs to stay healthy and play at a high level every match as I believe this is the strongest SLC Tennis Conference I have ever seen from top to bottom."

## Demons sail past SLU Lions, 103-68

"The kids came in focused and did all the things that are necessary for us to be successful. My hats off to them for competing the way they did because Southeastern's a very good team that is very talented." - Mike McConathy

Chris Degeyer  
Staff Reporter

The Demons (11-6, 5-2 in conference) are in third place in the Southland conference after a loss to Nicholls State (4-12, 3-3 in conference) and a win against Southeastern State (5-11, 3-3 in conference) last week. The Demons also lead the NCAA in average points per game after last week at a mark of 85.

The Demons suffered their second Southland Conference loss 93-78 against the Nicholls State Colonels on Thursday night in Prather Coliseum.

"We have them so many easy buckets early, and then we couldn't buy one," Demon head coach Mike McConathy said. "The ball just wouldn't go in. They didn't mentally come in here ready to play, and because of that we ended up putting one on the right side instead of the left side that we should have gotten."

One of the key players for the Demons, senior guard Shamir Davis, shot only 4-10 in the field against the Colonels and turned the ball over three times.

"Sometimes the ball bounces like that and you just have to keep playing," Davis said.

However, the Demons bounced back from the poor performance with a dominant 103-68 win over the Southeastern State Lions on Saturday night in Prather Coliseum.

"The kids came in focused and did all the things that are necessary

for us to be successful. My hats off to them for competing the way they did because Southeastern's a very good team that is very talented," McConathy said. "We just were a much better team then we were on Thursday."

In this game, Davis went 7-9 from the field with a perfect 5-5 from behind the 3-point line without turning over the ball. Davis scored 24 points in the game, his best performance of the season.

"In the Nicholls game, we didn't knock down a lot of the shots we normally knock down," Davis said. "We went up against a good team in Southeastern tonight and we knocked down a lot of the shots we didn't knock down against Nicholls State. We came in with the same game plan we did against Nicholls State. We didn't try to change anything. Confidence was the key."

The Demons will try to use their impressive offense to overcome a Steven F. Austin team boasting an impressive defense.

The Lumberjacks are coming into this game allowing just an average of 46.6 points per game. That defense has led the Lumberjacks to a 16-1 record including 7-0 in Southland Conference play. The Demons have yet to play against a defense as good as Stephen F. Austin yet this season, but the Lumberjacks have not seen an offense as good as the Demons either.

The Northwestern State Demons will meet the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks in Prather Coliseum this Saturday at 3:00 pm.

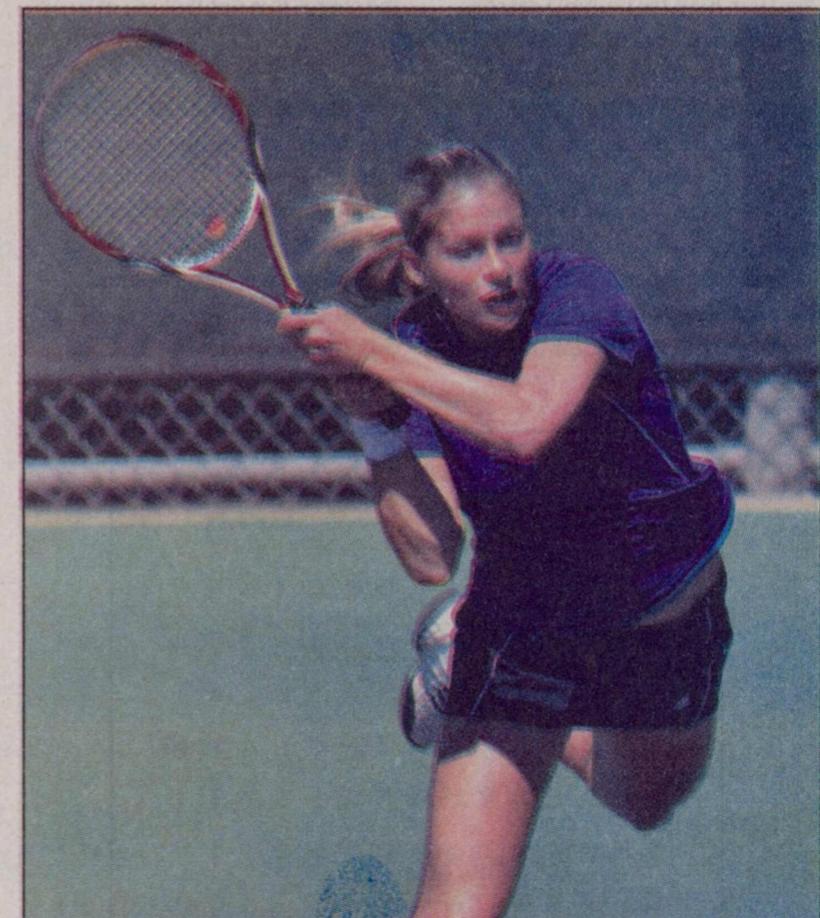


Photo by Gary Hardamon  
Andrea Nedorostova volleys the ball back to her opponent. Nedorostova is the only senior for the Lady Demons this year. Also returning for NSU is SLU Freshman of the Year, Tatiana Larina.

## New Demon football head coach Jay Thomas names coordinators for the 2013 NSU football season

Courtesy of Sports Info:

New Northwestern State football coach Jay Thomas has assembled his coaching staff, starting with coordinators Robby Brown and Chris Boone, who bring strong credentials to the Demons' program.

Brown, the offensive coordinator, helped Valdosta State win the NCAA Division II national championship in 2012 as his offense averaged 469 yards and produced 40 points per game.

A former Georgia Tech quarterback whose coaching career began

at Troy as he helped the Trojans win the 2006 Sun Belt Conference championship, Brown has run record-shattering offenses as the coordinator at Henderson State (2008) and Southwest Baptist (2007) before coaching at Valdosta from 2009-12.

Boone will run the Demons' defense following seven impressive seasons as defensive coordinator helping Tennessee-Martin and Jacksonville State win Ohio Valley Conference titles. He coached with Thomas at Nicholls State in 2002-03 when the Colonels played for the 2003 Southland title, and since helped UT-Martin win the OVC in

2006 and Jacksonville State to the 2011 league co-championship.

"We're very fortunate to have two rising stars in the coaching profession here at Northwestern State. They're very qualified coaches, great men, good dads and it's very exciting to consider what they will bring to our football program and the NSU family," said Thomas.

Their hirings are subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana Sys-

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Chris Boone

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## NSU receives best rating by U. S. News

Courtesy of News Bureau

Northwestern State University's online degree programs were included in the 2013 edition of Top Online Education Program rankings by U.S. News & World Report.

Northwestern State's online bachelor's programs were ranked 57th and the online graduate program in education was also ranked. This is the second year for U.S. News ranking of online programs and the first year for numeric rankings for degree programs.

The university's online bachelor's programs were ranked 31st in the country in student engagement and assessment and 46th in student service and technology. Northwestern State's graduate programs were ranked 51st in student engagement and accreditation and 75th in student services and technology.

"Northwestern State has sought a

leadership role in the delivery of online education for the past decade. These rankings show the university is committed to providing quality academic programs using the latest technology in course delivery," said Northwestern State President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

The rankings in student services and technology evaluate the way programs allow students to participate in online classes and how faculty assesses classwork.

NSU was the only Louisiana university ranked for its online bachelor's programs. Northwestern State was the only Louisiana university to receive rankings in student engagement and assessment on the bachelor's level and a graduate ranking in student services and technology. NSU was the highest ranked university in the state for student service and technology on the bachelor's level and graduate student engagement and accreditation.

"Northwestern State strives to provide quality programs and services for students," said Dr. Darlene Williams, vice president for technology, research and economic development. "It's wonderful to receive this type of recognition that can only be attributed to the exceptional faculty and staff who work with our students every day."

Online bachelor's degree programs in education as well as graduate online degree programs in business, education, engineering, nursing and computer information technology were ranked.

The rankings for degree programs are based on criteria including student engagement, faculty credentials and training and student services and technology.

Thirty-two degree programs at Northwestern State are available online. Information on electronic classes at NSU is available at [ensu.nsula.edu](http://ensu.nsula.edu).

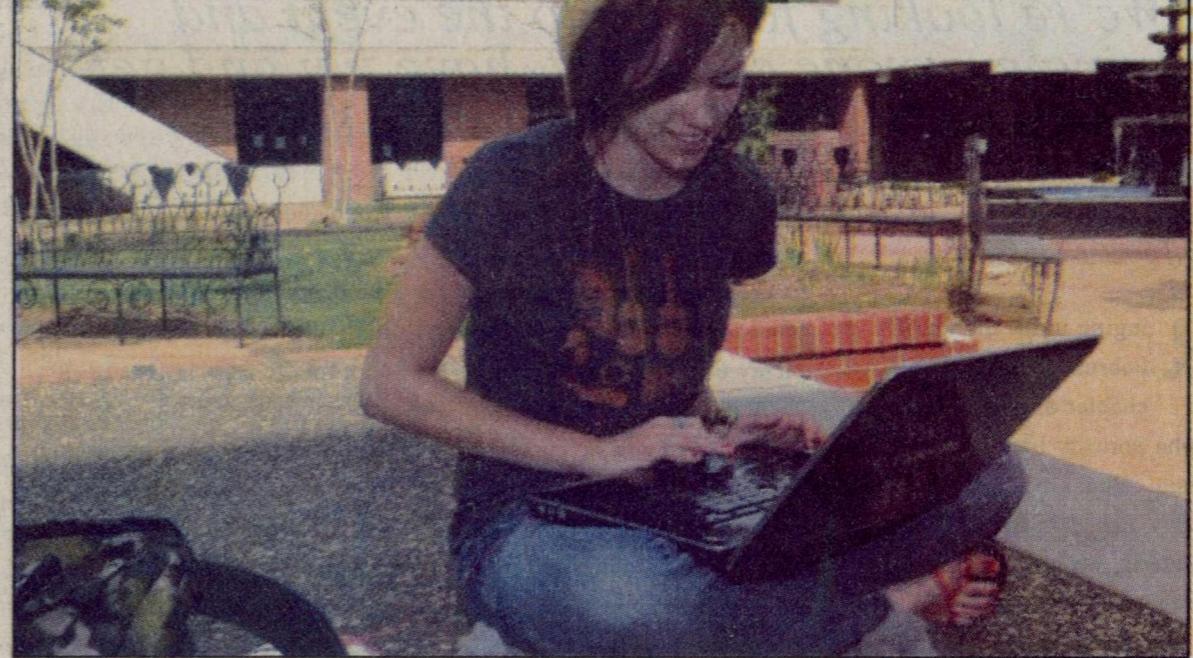


Photo Courtesy of New Bureau

The university's online bachelor's programs were ranked 31st in the country in student engagement and assessment. Northwestern State offers over 30 accredited online degree programs.

## Students weigh in on the recent gun violence in headlines

Damian Glover  
Sauce Reporter

After being re-elected, President Barack Obama proposed a new gun control plan that will reinstate an assault weapons ban which expired in 2003, limiting the size of ammunition magazines and also mandatory background checks for anyone who seeks to purchase weapons or high capacity clips.

Spurred by the recent events of shootings that have occurred, Obama tasked his administration Wednesday with creating concrete proposals to reduce gun violence that has plagued the country.

Recently, Vice President Joe Biden was joined by U.S. Senator, Tim Kaine, of Virginia—governor

during the Virginia Tech shooting in Richmond, VA—to produce future plans for gun control. Together they held a round-table discussion speaking with people who worked on gun safety after the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting.

According to npr.com, "There are things you can do that work," Kaine said. "We don't have to despair about being able to reduce gun violence. There are things you can do that work to reduce gun violence. You can do them by working together."

In 2012 there was reportedly an average of nine shootings ranging from a 14-year-old student shooting him-

one incident has sparked an interest and a want for change in local state officials such as senators and representatives all the way up to congressman in Washington, D.C.

Taylor McGraw, nursing transfer student, feels that control should be left up to the states digression and not the federal government.

"Gun control, in my opinion is different everywhere," McGraw

said. "If lawmakers are going to propose laws, they should make laws particular for every state because the need for guns is different for everyone."

The most recent shooting that occurred at Texas Community College was over someone accidentally bumping into another. Shots were reportedly fired, an immediate lockdown was called but no one was injured. There are currently two suspects in custody who are being questioned about the details of the incident.

Thomas Johnson, freshman, criminal justice major, is in favor of Obama's proposal.

"Having the assault weapon law reinstated also background checks and limited size for magazines will be a positive for the nation," Johnson

said.

"By limiting the size of magazines a person can buy, guns will become the true meaning of what they are meant to do. Guns are to protect only in a matter of when felt attack and also for hunting reasons. I truly believe those two reasons are the only reasons someone should have a gun. I also believe that someone should undergo extensive applications before receiving a gun and also signing some type of contract stating what the weapon will be used for."

Obama's plan for gun control has 23 executive actions on guns and related mental health issues that he can take without congressional approval. The legislative proposal includes an assault weapons ban, a magazine limit and universal background checks.

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self in front of 70 of his classmates to the most recent in Connecticut when Adam Lanza killed 20 students and six other school authorities. This

left up to the states digression and not the federal government.

"Gun control, in my opinion is different everywhere," McGraw

### Upcoming Events

Jan. 27 –  
NSU Horn Day, Fine Arts Complex, 1 p.m.

Jan. 31  
Flight Instruction Open House, Cane River Room, Friedman Student Union, 3 p.m.

Jan. 31  
Praxis I Test Preparation Seminar, Teacher Education Center, Pod-C, Room 104, 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 1  
Women's Tennis vs. Abilene Christian, Fisher Tennis Complex, 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 1  
Louisiana Piano Series International presents Jennifer Hayge, Magale Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 2  
Explore Northwestern Day, Magale Recital Hall, 9 a.m.

## Counseling and Career Services offer guidance for students

Contessa Wills  
Sauce Reporter

The transition from high school to college can be quite intimidating and stressful. Many students are away from home for the first time and take up to 21 credit hours, join recognized student organizations, date and more.

If one is not careful, it can be easy to lose focus and become overwhelmed. When students are facing issues related to mental health and wellness, they can seek help from the Counseling and Career Services center located on the third floor of the Student Union.

The Center for Disease Control defines mental health as "a state of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community."

Kim Johnson, a counselor for the CCS says that mental health is a major problem for NSU students. While the students who come to her for counseling struggle with a vari-



Photo Courtesy of CCS

Counseling and Career Services is located on the third floor of the Union.

ety of issues, the two biggest problems that they face are stress and depression. How does one cope with such issues?

To better deal with stress, Johnson recommends that students utilize better time management, get plenty of sleep and proper nutrition, and exercise to work off the tension of the day. For larger issues of tragedy, such as the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, Johnson thinks that students, parents, etc. should definitely seek counseling.

"Coping varies by individuals," Johnson said. "Turn to your support system of family and friends to talk about your feelings, seek counseling so that you can talk about your personal concerns and issues related to what happened and take measures to ensure your own personal safety."

It is important to take care of oneself during such dark times. Individuals should ensure that they are eating and sleeping as well as coping in constructive ways. One should not

allow himself to turn to unhealthy measures such as drugs and alcohol.

Johnson and her co-workers understand that there is a stigma attached to seeking professional help. However, she encourages students to take a risk and come in at least once and see what they think.

Johnson added that most students are usually glad they did it and want to return.

CCS also offers services including career assessments and courses, career guidance, career fairs and special events, job search, mock interviews and resume writing assistance.

John Fugler is a freshman criminal justice major who previously worked with the on-campus police. "I have only been to CCS once to see what it was about," Fugler said. "I was able to find job placement through the work study program, but I would not be opposed to seeking help from CCS in the future if necessary."

Krystin Steelman, a sophomore English major, finds CCS to be very helpful to students. She went

to the center for help with finding employment and writing her resume.

"The counselors are very nice, friendly and nonjudgmental," Steelman said. "I told my friend that if she needed help finding a job CCS is one of the best places to go."

For more information on the Counseling and Career Services center, log onto <http://www.ccs.nsula.edu>. To make an appointment with a counselor, either call (318) 357-5621 or go to room 305 of the Sylvan Friedman Student Union.

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# Alpha Kappa Alpha brings awareness to hearts in February

*"We're looking forward to the event and seeing everyone come out, have fun and get happy for hearts!" -Kyun'a Fox, senior*

Jessica Blow  
Staff Writer

Ringing in the month of February the Eta Chi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., is hosting its annual "Pink Goes Red" event Friday, Feb. 1 in front of Iberville Cafeteria, which is open to all Northwestern students.

Due to the fact that February is Heart Disease Awareness Month, the sorority wanted to raise awareness about this and other cardiovascular problems that could someday affect NSU students.

This is one of the events throughout the semester the sorority hosts to fulfill its national health initiative.

"We want to bring awareness to the issue and inform students about ways they can improve their cardiovascular health,"

Kyun'a Fox, committee head, said. "My personal favorite way of keeping my heart healthy is jump roping and I'll be doing plenty of that Friday!"

In addition to lots of jump roping, there will be nurses checking pulses, stress ball giveaways, contests and games from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and a one-mile run around campus from 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Other NSU Greeks participating include members of Alpha Omicron Pi, Phi Mu and Theta Chi. Health care professionals from around Natchitoches and members of the ROTC department are also helping out and supporting "Pink Goes Red."

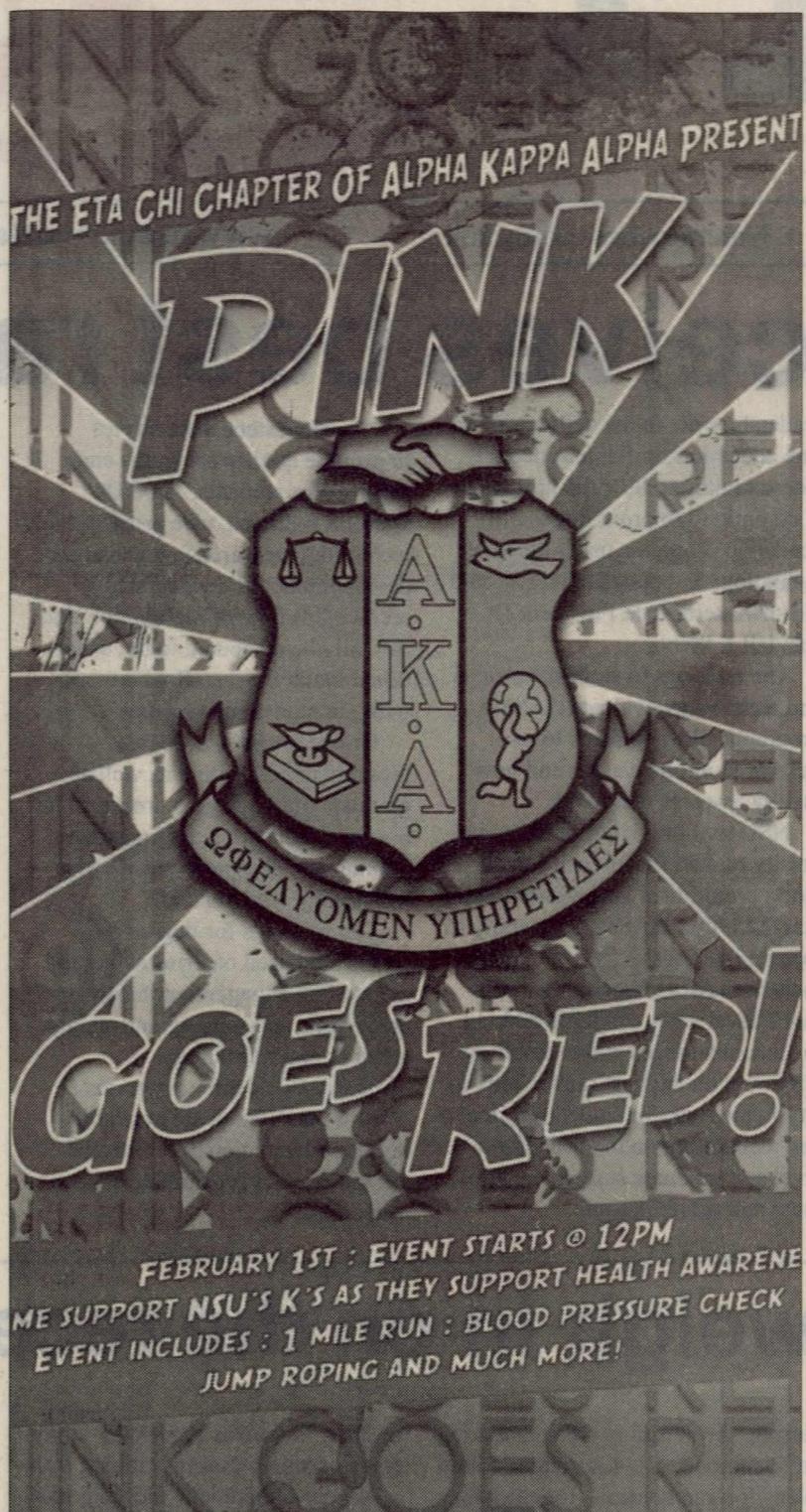
According to Fox, letters were also sent to various banks and other businesses in the community asking for donations for the American Heart Association. Donations will also be collected

from students.

The American Heart Association is a non-profit organization in the United States that fosters appropriate cardiac care in an effort to reduce disabilities and deaths caused by cardiovascular disease and stroke. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, the American Heart Association's mission is "Building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke." The motto is "Learn and Live."

According to Fox, the idea to have this event came from the chapter as a whole around the beginning of January.

"Planning has been a bit stressful but everyone has been working together to make one of our first projects of the semester a success," Fox said. "We're looking forward to the event and seeing everyone come out, have fun and get happy for hearts!"



The flyer for Alpha Kappa Alpha's annual "Pink Goes Red" event on Feb. 1, which brings awareness to proper cardiovascular health.

## Parkway Cinema

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"The Last Stand"

Rated R

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## Sigma Gamma Rho celebrates Black History Month

Contessa Wills  
Staff Writer

Northwestern's Prissy Poodles are kicking off Black History Month in a major way. On Feb. 5, the ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho will host "Black In the 21st Century," a forum that will address topics that affect African Americans. Among the issues to be discussed are the terms "ghetto" and "racism."

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines ghetto as "a quarter of a city in which Jews were formerly required to live;

a quarter of a city in which members of a minority group live especially because of social, legal or economic pressure." The Urban Dictionary, however, defines ghetto as "a derogatory term used towards individuals who lack the standards of manners and/or ethics."

At some point these definitions were combined to describe the people who live in impoverished areas more so than the area itself.

"Ghetto is a state of mind," Kayla Jacobs, SGRho president, said. "It was originally used as an economic term that has been

twisted to stereotype others."

Despite the fact that individuals of several races display behavior that can be described as ghetto, it is usually African Americans and Latinos that are labeled this way.

"It has almost become prideful to label oneself as ghetto," Megan George, SGRho vice president, said. "We need to move away from that. With this forum I would like to present the origins of the word. Why is this a stigma with African Americans? With African American men? We could say that it has gotten better with President

Obama in office; however, it really hasn't."

So, what does it mean to be Black in the 21st century?

"Being Black is whatever people want it to mean," Jacobs said. "If you use your color as an excuse, then that's what it will be for you. If you embrace it, you're just a normal person."

Besides the forum, SGRho will host their "Sigma Social" for young women interested in becoming members of their sorority on Feb. 6 in room 321 of the Student Union. Prospective candidates are encouraged to bring an unofficial transcript,

dress in casual attire and should have at least 12 credit hours and a 2.0 GPA or higher. Even if a interested Poodle meets the required criteria, there are still other qualities that the organization looks for in a member.

"We seek quality over quantity," George said. "The women should be honest hardworking, humble and have a good personality."

For more information regarding intake, female students may contact Megan George at (225) 250-8355.

Ending their week, on Thursday, Feb. 7, the ladies will host

the "Mr. Blue and Gold Pageant Informational" for any male students who are interested in competing.

"The pageant is intended to recognize men who have excelled in various areas of their collegiate careers," Jacobs said. "These are men who have balanced their academics and extracurricular activities and they are leaders in all that they do. This pageant allows us to showcase them to the university."

For more information regarding Sigma Gamma Rho, students may log onto <http://sgrho1922.org/>.

## A southerner's wish is a northerner's aggravation

As my childhood years passed growing up in the south, I always remember looking forward to every winter (excluding the many times when it's 35 degrees one day and 75 degrees the next day). We can be the most comfortable in winter because we can keep putting layers on, but in warmer seasons we can't exactly keep taking layers off.

Of course with every winter in Louisiana comes the inevitable question: "Where's the snow?" Residents of the "boot state" might expect snow once every few years, but that doesn't mean we don't hope for a White Christmas every year.

As we all know, when clouds release their snowy flakes, what falls on the ground is reminiscent of a halfway melted snow cone. Those of us who have never gone north for the winter find ourselves feeling like Ariel in the deep blue

see wanting more. However, those who have been north for many winters often sing a different tune. It's all nice and pretty until you have to shovel your driveway and lose control of your vehicle if you drive too fast on icy roads.

Living north of the land of spicy foods and jazz, I'm starting to see what these folks were talking about. For the most part, driving isn't terrible in cities where the roadways are cleared of icy precipitation and then salted.

However, the real fun begins when one ventures to places where they pay less attention to clearing and salting. For example, if you need to make a sudden right turn on an icy road, it's not happening. If you also think that going 50 mph in such conditions is a good idea, then you'll probably crash and hit a deer in the process (that did not happen to me just to clarify).

Also, if you don't wear the right shoes and socks, then walking for an extended period of time makes you feel like your feet are gone.

When you finally do make it to your car, prepare for snow to melt all over your floor.

Despite its setbacks, there is a pleasant aesthetic to northern snow that cannot be denied. The first time I saw a frosty landscape on my drive to Ohio my eyes widened with delight. Two weeks later, while taking snapshots in a snow-covered suburb I immediately thought this should be on the cover of my Christmas cards next year.

It's also pleasant to hold snow and see it not melt in a matter of seconds. And when enough of it collects on the ground it feels like I'm walking on soft cotton.

Everything being said, I think no matter where we live there will always be something to complain about regarding the weather. I think the only place that would be just right for Goldilocks is somewhere along the Mediterranean. The climate there is one of the most comfortable on the planet and the Alps are not too far away if you need the magic of snow during winter without having to clean up after it.

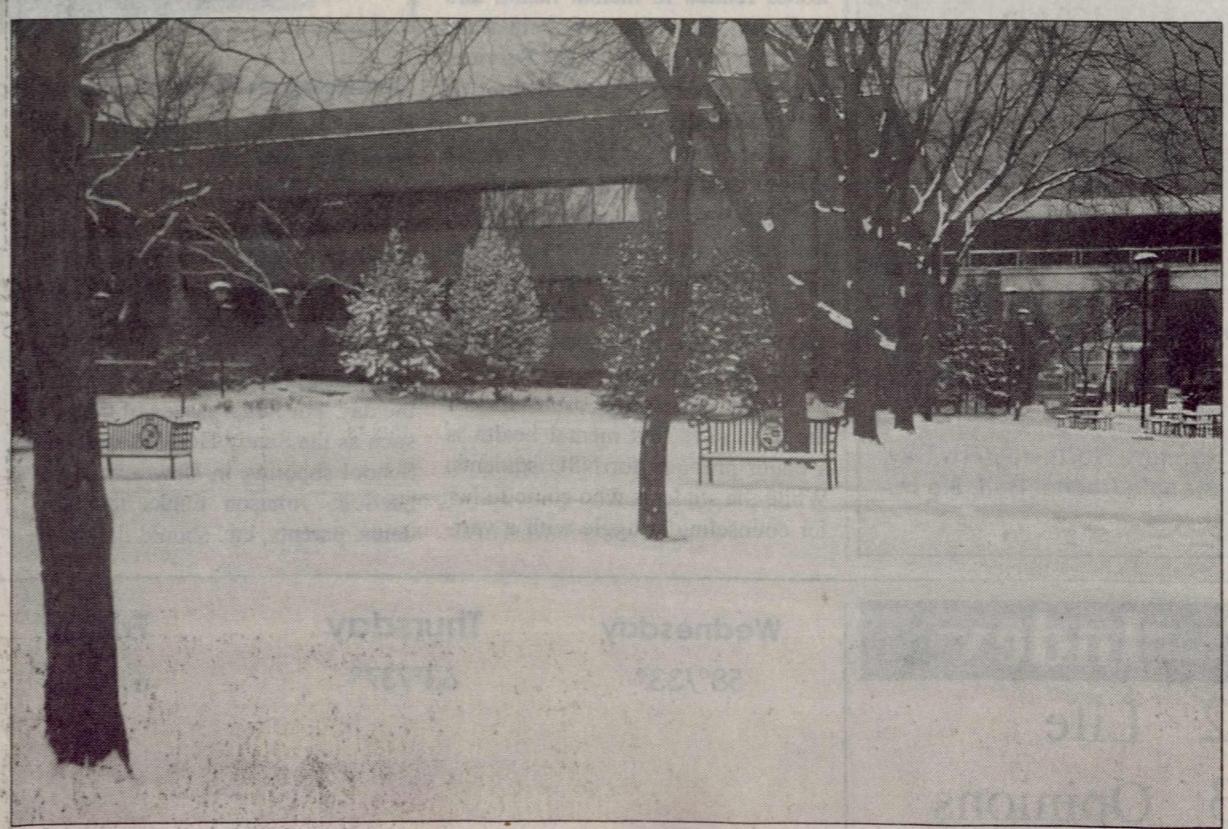


Photo by Jacob Labutka  
A long way from the south, Jacob Labutka studying abroad at Cleveland State University offers a sneak peak of the snow covered campus, one wintery day.

# Opinions

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## Skinny girls may have big feelings

Ever since I was able to interact with people, one of the first sentences uttered out of their mouths is, "You're so skinny!" That would usually be followed by a giggle and an innocent blush. As I grew older, the connotation of that simple sentence went from positive to harshly negative.

I would like everyone to know that I am genetically skinny. There is a difference between me and the supermodels most people associate skinniness with. Just before my



grandmother passed away, she was almost as small as I am now. So, needless to say I have the skinny genes.

However, there are downfalls to being this skinny. Sure, I look easily breakable and my weight fluctuates between 104 and 107 pounds, but I cannot fit into a pair of jeans to save my life. Even skinny jeans are too baggy on me. I sag with normal jeans and sweatpants—even yoga pants are too loose on me. Don't even get me started on trying

to shop for undergarments that fit! Ever since those dreaded junior high days, I have been criticized for my size and, recently, an incident occurred that ruffled my feathers. I was sitting with some larger girls (friends of a friend) when they started picking on skinny girls in general. ("Picking on" is a term used loosely, I may add.)

I happened to be sitting next to them and they had no regard for their words. When one of the girls noticed my friend, who was exchanging glances with me, she asked what was so funny. My friend looked at me and I muttered a very

disheartened, "I'm one of those skinny girls."

The girls then tried to retract their words, but hurtful things aren't something one can easily take back. Then the one sitting next to me had the gall to tell me, "Well, that's all going to catch up to you." Gee, thanks.

After talking about this incident with a few friends, one of my male friends told me, "Well, you're a skinny girl with big feelings." He was exactly right, too! In the end, no one can really help his or her body type. I mean, not to sound too cheesy or anything, but Lady Gaga

has something going when she wrote "Born This Way."

We're all born this way, so we either have to accept who we are, or find a way to improve ourselves. At least, that is my philosophy and I think it would benefit everyone if they adopted a similar train of thought.

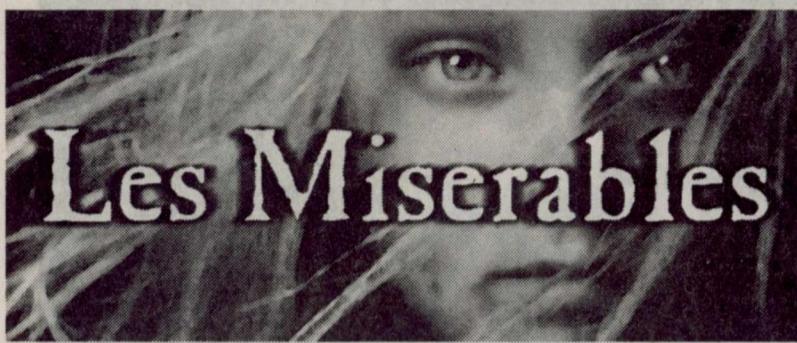
So, the next time you see your skinny friend getting picked on by some larger-than-life characters, stick up for her or him! They can't help the way they're made, so don't let them get accused of something that isn't their fault!

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Our newspaper needs stories written by students. Come by our office, 227 Kyser, if you would like to join.

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- Current Sauce staff



### Certainly not a miserable experience

**Rating:** ●●●○

**Annie Desoto-Buras**  
*Guest columnist*

Despite the fact that it is the most recent in a long line of incarnations, this year's version of Victor Hugo's novel "Les Misérables" is quite enjoyable.

The well known characters are played by actors of note, and although not all of those actors are trained singers, by and large they do manage to pull it off respectfully; what they lack in finesse and polish they make up for in emotion and

conviction.

The main character of the movie, Jean Valjean (Hugh Jackman), was imprisoned for 19 years after stealing a loaf of bread and attempting to escape multiple times. After his release, he is forced to carry a card labeling him as an ex-convict, which makes finding employment extremely difficult.

After being converted by the goodness of a bishop from whom he stole some valuables, Valjean breaks his parole and decides to spend his life devoted to goodness and to God, working his way up to being the mayor of a town. He

ends up becoming the guardian of the daughter of a prostitute named Fantine (Anne Hathaway) and raising her as his own after taking her from the clutches of the abusive Thénardiers (Sacha Baron Cohen and Helena Bonham Carter).

Once the girl, Cosette (Amanda Seyfried), grows up, she falls in love with a revolutionary named Marius (Eddie Redmayne). This embroils Valjean and Cosette in the plight of the revolution, bringing them into contact with the revolutionaries' leader Enjolras (Aaron Tveit) and the Thénardiers' daughter Éponine (Samantha Barks).

Throughout this time, Valjean is being pursued by Inspector Javert (Russell Crowe), who sees him as an unrepentant criminal who has run away from his deserved punishment.

While some of the cast members have been involved in musical productions before, for the most part this is not a group of actors who have been musically trained.

This fact is made all the more astonishing when one considers that all of the singing that is heard in the movie is live, and was recorded as the scenes were being shot. This eliminates any studio polishing and allows the performances to be heard as they were delivered while losing none of the feeling which the singers imparted.

Though none of the performers are shoddy, Hathaway and Jackman distinguish themselves in their roles with remarkable emotion and ability.

Crowe's performance is perhaps rougher than most of the others, due to his character's range being somewhat higher than the one to which his voice naturally lends itself. He still delivers admirably, though, and doesn't discredit the film in any meaningful way.

When taking everything into consideration, this movie is certainly not a waste of either the time or the money of those who choose to see it.

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### Women in combat: New questions arise

Fifty years after the start of the sexual revolution and the women's liberation movement, women are still fighting for equality and respect. From the latest news of the New Mexico bill that proposes the use of victimized women as incubators for their own case evidence to the variety of unequal treatment that stems from the societal movement to protect women.

As a woman, I am a member of the weaker (but, fairer!) sex. While this means I receive the old-fashioned bonus of being instinctively protected by most men, it also means that I am not allowed some of the same considerations that men are. My protection comes with a price.

Despite this inequality, the outlook on life seems to be shifting for many women. A recent change allows women to serve on the frontline in military combat, something I believe was sparked by the acceptance of women onto naval submarines a few years ago. This acceptance of women in combat positions represents a major change in what society normally stereotypes as the most conservative of America's population.

There are some restrictions on this new development, but many interested parties on the Internet are asking one simple question: Will women be included in the draft? Will their equality be absolute?

Personally, I am horrified by the idea of serving in the military, but I think it is necessary to make these decisions. If women are able to serve in the military, they should be counted among their fellow brothers-in-arms.



**Catherine Beverly**  
*Opinions Editor*

As I previously stated, most of the separations between men and women are enforced by society because we are seen as unequal. Not different, unequal. Why do I say this? Because there are already lower requirements for women to be accepted into the military.

While these were not combat roles, we were still given an easy time because we are seen as the weaker sex. Until the people of the United States realize that women will work for what they want, we will always be seen as lesser.

In an attempt to allow more freedom to women, we've built ourselves into a corner where servicemen may not respect their sisters-in-arms solely because they enter the military knowing that women are treated differently. That we are "special".

So, when it comes to the decision of including women over the age of 18 in the draft, I say that it is necessary to be taken seriously. Instead of lowering the standards for women, make men and women equal. If there are fewer women in the military as consequence, at least we will know that the women that are accepted are just as capable as the men.

For those intent on serving as IT, or another non-combat position, maybe the fitness level should be lowered all around.

I do not want to seem uncaring to the plight of women everywhere, but this is the only response I think of that finally sets us as equals – not almost-equals, not as the exception to the rule, but as equals.

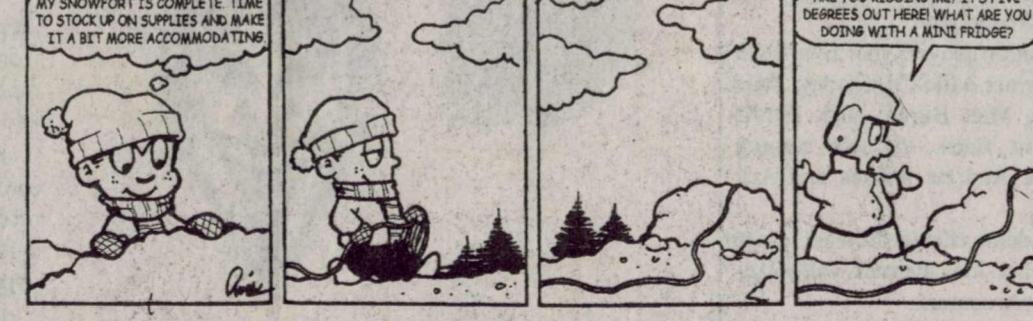
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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



by Dave T. Phipps



### Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

It was Martin Luther King Jr. who made the following sage observation: "Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will."

Are you a dromomaniac? If you travel compulsively, you are.

The famed statue Venus de Milo was lost to history for nearly 2,000 years. No one knew of its existence until 1820, when a Greek peasant tilling a field on the island of Milos hit stone — several carved blocks of stone, to be specific. Within a few weeks, archaeologists arrived and took the statue of Aphrodite to France. King Louis XVIII dubbed it the Venus de Milo and donated it to the Louvre, where it remains today.

You might be surprised to learn that Humphrey Bogart wasn't the producers' first choice for the role of Rick in "Casablanca." An actor named George Raft was originally offered the part, but he turned it down because he didn't like the script.

In 2010, a new species of slug was discovered in the mountains of Borneo. It is distinguished from other species of slug by its novel method of mating: It shoots its mate with a so-called love dart made of calcium carbonate and containing hormones. The researchers nicknamed the gastropods "ninja slugs."

If you're traveling to Kansas anytime soon, be sure to remember that it is against the law in that state to catch fish with your bare hands.

During the original run of the classic 1960s TV series "Gilligan's Island," some viewers took the show rather too seriously. Several telegrams were sent to the U.S. Coast Guard asking why the poor people hadn't yet been rescued.

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## Northwestern State outlasted in overtime loss against SFA, 50-57

Christopher Degeyter  
Staff Reporter

**M**issed opportunities plagued the Lady Demons as they fell to the Stephen F. Austin Ladyjacks (9-10, 4-4 in Southland Conference) in overtime Saturday afternoon 50-57.

The Lady Demons (7-11, 3-5 in the Southland) were 8 of 15 from the free throw line, including two misses from sophomore guard Arianne Ausmer to end regulation 48-48. Stephen F. Austin proceeded to pull away from the Lady Demons, while the Lady Demons could only score two points in the overtime.

"SFA did a really good job defensively on us," Brooke Stoehr, Lady Demon co-head coach, said. "They really took away some streaks of ours. We've been shooting the basketball a lot better than we did, and that's disappointing."

Stoehr said the team did play the way they wanted to play—fighting every possession without worrying about the last.

Senior center Jasmine Upchurch only played 27 minutes in the game, despite having played over 30 minutes in each of the Lady Demons' wins over the two game streak. Upchurch managed to score 12 points, her season average, and went 6 for

15 from the field, a better shooting percentage than her performance last week against Southeastern. However, the Ladyjacks never sent her to the free throw line, where she has a .706 shooting percentage for the season including a 7-8 performance against the Lady Lions.

"We did everything we were supposed to do, and we did everything we went over in practice these last four or five days," Upchurch said. "We just couldn't finish. SFA is one of the most athletic teams we've played so far. I thought we played well, actually. Coming to the end, we just couldn't pull it off."

The Lady Demons finish the stretch of home conference games 2-1 heading into a week of road games. The next game for the Lady Demons will be against the Lamar Lady Cardinals.

The Lady Cardinals are currently holding on to a 12-6 record including 5-3 in Southland Conference play, also holding third place in the conference.

However, the Lady Cardinals are coming off of an overtime loss as well and are on a two game losing streak.

The Lady Demons will meet the Lady Cardinals on Thursday at the Montagne Center in Beaumont, Texas at 5:15 p.m.



Sophomore Arianne Ausmer dives for a loose ball. NSU lost in overtime, 57-50, to the Ladyjacks of Stephen F. Austin.

## NSU baseball opens practice

Courtesy of Sports Info

**T**he Northwestern State baseball team, under the new direction of head coach Lane Burroughs, opened practice for the 2013 season Saturday.

"During the first day, the pitchers were ahead and looked really good, and on day two the hitters showed it was their day," said Burroughs. "So it's just like any program this time of year that is opening up. Somebody is going to leave unhappy whether it's the pitching guys or the hitting guys."

The Demons will try to find its way back to the Southland Conference tournament after missing the 2012 tournament with a 19-32 season including a 14-19 SLC record.

"The difference in now and the fall is that now we have to figure out what our lineup is going to be," said Burroughs. "We need to see who can play and where, and we have a limited time to do so."

The start to this season has been a bit different from past seasons because the turf at Brown-Stroud field is being replaced.

"I think our guys are showing

some toughness and a level of maturity in the fact that we're having to do defensive stuff at the football stadium, then get offensive work at our batting cages, and then fortunate enough to go to Natchitoches Central to get our intrasquad done," said Burroughs. "We're very thankful for those guys helping us out."

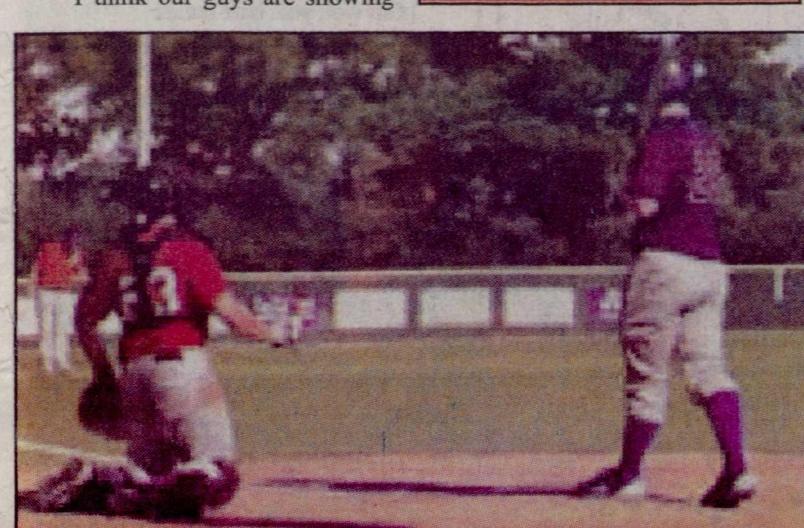
NSU returns 10 lettermen including 2012 All-SLC second team winner Will Watson. Watson was voted to the College Sports Madness All-SLC Preseason First Team. The Southland Conference will release the teams as voted on by the leagues coaches and sports information directors Wednesday.

Position players that return are Matt Farmer, Mitch Huckabee, Todd Wallace, Matt Burns, Nick Purdy, and Matt Baca. Pitchers coming back are Andrew Adams and A.J. Funk.

Infielder/outfielder Edwin Gomez and pitcher Joey Parrack will headline 22 newcomers.

This weekend the players will be

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# KEEP CALM JUST SHOOT

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Senior forward James Hulbin scores inside the paint over the smaller SFA defender. Hulbin nailed the go-ahead three pointer with 13.7 seconds left in regulation to propel the Demons in front of the Lumberjacks, 61-57, Saturday in Prather Coliseum.



### Hulbin's outstanding stats

19

Hulbin lead all Demons with 19 points against SFA

50 %

Hulbin sank 3-6 from beyond the arc, including the bucket that gave NSU the lead

2

Hulbin blocked two shots during the contest, including one late in the game against SFA.



### Clutch three gives NSU edge over SFA

Jimmie Walker  
Editor-In-Chief

"I can tell you from the horses mouth, James Hulbin has never made a shot like that," Shamir Davis, teammate and long-time friend of Hulbin, said.

Hulbin, sometimes jokingly referred to by his teammates as "Big Game James," catapulted the Demons to a 61-57 victory over SLC rivals Stephen F. Austin with a three-pointer in the dying embers of the Saturday game in Prather Coliseum.

Transfer DeQuan Hicks drove to the lane and kicked it out to wide open Hulbin standing near the short corner. Hulbin squared up and knocked down the go-ahead three-pointer with 13.7 seconds left in regulation.

"It's just thousands of shots of preparation," Hulbin said. "Coach Lewit works with me after practice and we build on repetition. My teammates trusted me and I knocked it down."

NSU (12-6 overall, 6-2 in the Southland) entered the game as the nation's top scoring offense, averaging 85 ppg., and SFA (16-2, 7-1) the nation's top scoring defense, holding opponents to 49 ppg.

Before Hulbin's bucket, the Demons could not buy a shot from beyond the arc. NSU

made 19 percent, connecting only four of its 21 attempts. That percentage is the second worst this season for the Demons. The worst came against Campbell when the Demons made a minuscule 11 percent.

With two minutes left in the game, SFA lead NSU, 57-50. Two scores and uncharacteristic defensive stands by the Demons closed the game to 57-54. Demon guard Jalan West pulled the Demons within one point when he scored a baseline floater over an outstretched SFA defender.

"We have to do more than just score, and I think we did that today," Demon head coach Mike McComathy said. "We created opportunities with our defense and with our backs to the wall, we made the plays to win against a quality opponent. I'm happy we were able to reward our fans for sticking with us all the way, and now we take a day to rest and we get to work on our game at Lamar. This is fun today, but it's only one win and we need to validate today's effort with how we play going forward."

The Demons hope to take the momentum from the win on the road as NSU heads to Beaumont to face the Lamar Cardinals Thursday night. After that game, NSU will continue its road trip, this time visiting the McNeese Cowboys for a Super Bowl Sunday tip off.

## Moving on the next stage: My last season as a Demon

**M**y last semester at NSU started in January. I was waiting for this moment so long. However, now that it has come, I am less excited than I was before. Are you asking why?

I have spent almost 4 years at NSU. I have been a student and an athlete. When I came to Natchitoches, I was a complete stranger from a different country.

Now, I call Natchitoches my second home. This small town is so enchanting for its friendly and welcoming people. I will have a hard time leaving Natchitoches the day after my graduation. However, in my heart I know that I will come back,

and not just once.

I have had the

time of my life at

NSU. I have been

playing NCAA

Division I tennis

while getting an

education—the

two things that

are so hard to

combine back

in my home

country. My freshman year was

extremely successful because my

team won the Southland Conference

Championship in regular season and

also the Southland Conference Tournament, which qualified us for Na-

tionals. I was always on top of my academics, and great tennis results seemed like the cherry on the top.

One of my favorite things at NSU

has been being a part of the team.

I have found many true life-time

friends that I want to stay in touch

with after I leave from here. With my

teammates we have shared our suc-

cesses, failures, fun times and hard

times. We were waking up for prac-

tices together, and we were studying

all nights long together as well.

There has been one extra thing

we have shared—most of us are not

Americans, and the amount of jokes

and funny situations that have been

created because of the language bar-

rier is immense. For an illustration, one of my teammates was talking about a bee, but she could not remember how to say the word "bee" in English, and she described it as a "mosquito that brings honey." I still laugh today when I think of it.

My NSU experience has been so wonderful in all aspects that it makes me sad when I think of leaving. On one hand, I am looking forward to the next challenge of being on my own and the next step in my life. On the other hand, the future scares me. I will have to become an independent individual. Here, I feel like I was taken care of. After graduation, the real life will kick in.



Andrea Nedrosova  
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## ROTC shares input on dismissed military ban



Photo Courtesy of New Bureau  
Newly commissioned officer Robeneyce Green will have the opportunity to join her male counterparts on the frontlines due to the dismissal of the women in combat ban last month.

Jared Roberts  
Sauce Reporter

A ban that restricted women from entering combat at the infantry level was recently lifted. The ban, placed in 1994, prohibited women from fighting in small combat units and allowed certain military branches the power to ban women from their ranks.

This change isn't immediate since branches have until 2016 to fully implement women into their ranks or present reasoning as to why they should be excluded.

"Women in combat is a misnomer," William Underwood, Lieutenant Colonel and professor of military science, said. "Women were and are in combat even before the lifting of the ban."

According to Underwood, the ban was specifically on infantry, any small group with the sole purpose of engaging the enemy.

All other roles such as pilots, engineers, nurses were always open to women. The distance between the frontline soldiers in combat and these other jobs is small if there at

*"To me it's not anything out of the ordinary. When I look at a soldier, I see a soldier. Diversity makes us strong."* -Chelsey Berlin

all.

"The unit always goes with support, so women were always on the front line," Underwood said.

Shortly before the ban, women were being introduced into frontline combat situations and these attempts lead to overturn of the ban.

Chelsey Berlin, a senior in ROTC, followed news on the ban rather closely.

"In some ways I'm upset it was there," Berlin said.

Berlin added that she is happy the ban is lifted.

Several thousand positions will soon be open to women. Since women make up approximately 15 percent of the military this will allow those best qualified, with no

restrictions, to be selected.

"To me it's not anything out of the ordinary," Underwood said. "When I look at a soldier, I see a soldier. Diversity makes us strong."

Martina Moore, ROTC senior, served in Afghanistan. Before being deployed she didn't think much about the ban. Being in Afghanistan raised her awareness of the situation. She said that it will take a lot of effort for this change to be fully implemented but the end result is worth filling positions based on skill alone.

While most frontline positions should be able to accept women as early as this year other branches such as the Navy SEALS and the Marines will probably take longer to take women into their ranks.

Berlin stated that while these branches allowed women to train with them, the women were not allowed to actually enlist.

The army is a reflection of our society," Underwood said. The army has been 100 percent volunteer-based since 1972 and opening these positions to women just shows how dedicated everyone is.

## Students anticipate Spring Grad Fest

Contessa Wills  
Sauce Reporter

The end is almost near for the graduating class of 2013. As students settle into the semester, graduating seniors are anxiously preparing for commencement. Though these preparations can be daunting and overwhelming, students will not have to do it on their own.

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, the Alumni Association will host "Spring Grad Fest" in the Student Union Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Grad Fest is a vendor fair that allows students to take care of everything they need to in preparation for graduation," Haley Blount, Director of Alumni Affairs, said. "They can visit with financial aid, take a graduation picture and order class rings, announcements and caps and gowns."

Kaysee Carrere, an English-professional writing major, and Geoff Hollis, a graphic design major will both be attending Grad Fest. Carrere will be ordering her cap and gown as well as announcements. She also intends to take her graduation photo.

"I'm going with my friends," Carrere said. "It will be a bonding experience for us."

Hollis also intends to order his

cap and gown as well as graduation announcements.

He reflected on his time as a student at Northwestern.

"It has been an interesting experience," Hollis said. "I've gained lots of work experience working on the yearbook, and I've learned a lot working with new software that I hadn't used before."

Students may also order transcripts from the Registrar's Office and receive information on graduate school programs.

"Every department that has a graduate program will be there," Blount said.

Students who are seeking to attend graduate school elsewhere, will have to obtain information on those schools in their own spare time as Northwestern's graduate programs will be the only ones highlighted for their graduation photos.

"The only item that students must order is the cap and gown, which can be obtained through the bookstore," Blount said.

Students will also be offered the opportunity to join the Alumni Association, which seeks to promote "the advancement of academic excellence by developing coalition among alumni, students, friends and the university community while supporting our university's traditions, values and future."

There are several benefits to becoming a member of the Alumni

Association.

"Members are able to remain updated on fellow alumni and events at the university through the "Alumni Columns," a quarterly publication," Blount said. "Members also receive a 10 percent discount on Hertz car rentals and Choice Hotels, and they can tailgate with us for free at football games."

Though "Grad Fest" is a convenient option, students are not required to attend this event.

"Grad Fest is simply a courtesy to graduating seniors," Blount said.

Students who opt to not participate may contact the individual vendors at a later date. It is also likely that students do not wish to use vendors provided. No student is obligated to use Jostens for class rings or Candid Campus Photography for their graduation photos.

"The only item that students must order is the cap and gown, which can be obtained through the bookstore," Blount said.

Students will also be given an opportunity to save a few bucks. If students go through each vendor, their names will be entered into a drawing for door prizes. One of the prizes is a free class ring, while the other is a free set of graduation announcements. All graduating seniors are encouraged to attend the event.

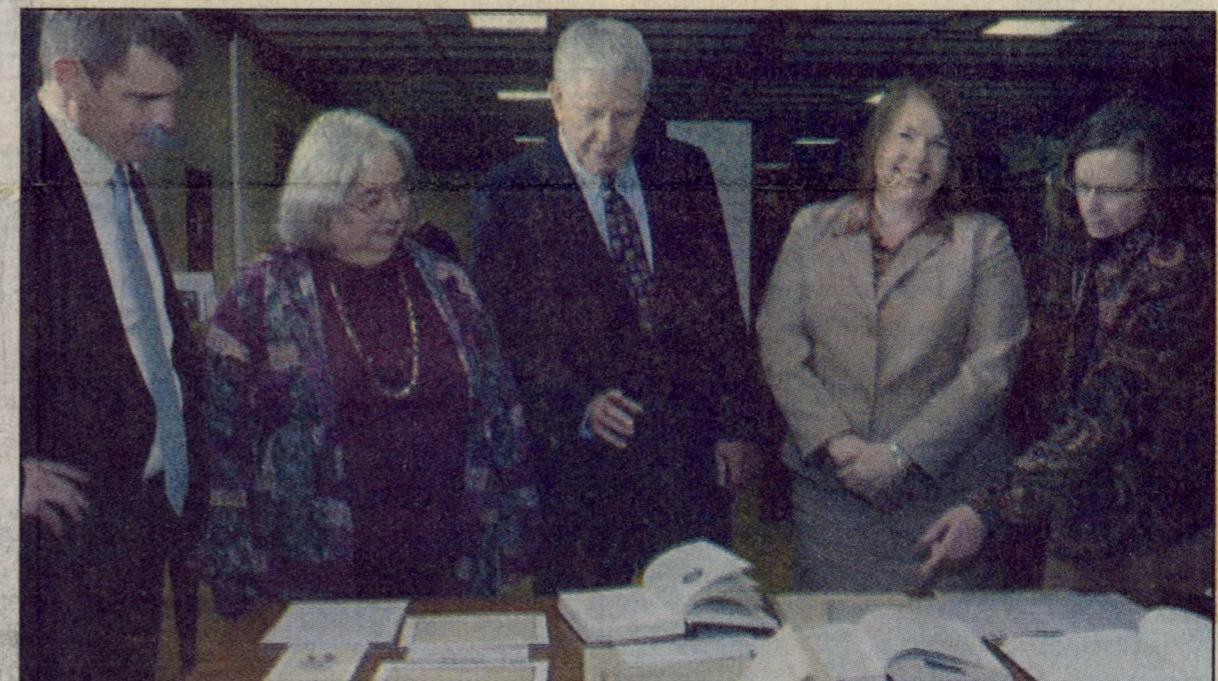


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The Cammie G. Henry Research Center, located on the third floor of the library, contains Louisiana books, rare books, archival materials, microfilm, maps, newspapers and tapes.

## Watson Library receives a large trust

Courtesy of News Bureau

Northwestern State University's Cammie G. Henry Research Center received a trust of \$200,000 from a benefactor whose collection of family documents has been managed by the NSU Archives for more than 40 years.

The bequest from the estate of the late Edward Myers Egan is the largest single monetary donation to benefit Northwestern State's Eugene P. Watson Memorial Library.

Edward Myers Egan, who passed away in May 2012, was a descendant of Dr. Bartholomew Egan, a figure of historic interest in Louisiana.

The Egan Collection includes letters and documents from Dr. Bartholomew Egan and other members of the Egan family that provide valuable information to researchers interested in the history of the Baptist denomination in Louisiana, Confederate medical history and

daily life in 19th century rural north Louisiana.

According to NSU Archivist Mary Linn Wernet, the Egan Collection documents Dr. Bartholomew Egan's life from the time before he immigrated from Dublin, Ireland, to Virginia, where he received medical training, was a prominent educator and converted to the Baptist faith. After moving to Mount Lebanon, La., in 1847, he was instrumental in founding the Louisiana Baptist Convention and Mount Lebanon University, the first university in north Louisiana. Dr. Bartholomew Egan served as surgeon general and head of the state laboratory under the Confederate government of Louisiana.

"After Dr. Egan received a land grant to settle in Bienville Parish, he established Mount Lebanon as a Baptist college for men," Wernet said. "We have letters from Ireland and as he moved from there to Virginia and Louisiana. We have official and family letters from Mount Lebanon days and into the Civil War

when he was surgeon general."

Dr. Bartholomew Egan's granddaughter, Miss Lavinia Egan, who was born during the Civil War and died during World War II, is credited with gathering and preserving many of the letters and documents that make up the collection, Wernet said. "Lavinia moved to Shreveport and was an advocate for women's rights and a historian who maintained the collection," Wernet explained.

"The papers have been researched by historians not only interested in Bartholomew's life but also in Mount Lebanon as the first school of its kind in the area and because of the medical research that took place there. It was a place where they conducted pharmaceutical research and developed compounds to treat the wounded during the Civil War, so there are professors of pharma-

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## Crews receive Nth Degree



Courtesy of News Bureau

Northwestern State University President Dr. Randall J. Webb, left, awarded an Nth Degree to Jacque Crew, center, and Robert Crew in recognition of their years of service to NSU. Robert Crew has been executive assistant to the president for 16 years after working in the Louisiana Department of Education. Jacque Crew was a distinguished educator, who volunteered countless hours to assist Northwestern State and Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. The Nth Degree is one of the university's highest honors and is bestowed for going the extra mile in meritorious service to mankind. It is presented to those whose professional responsibilities and various other roles in making this a better world are carried out to the Nth Degree.

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# KNWD returns with big changes

Jessica Blow  
Staff Writer

Kicking the spring semester off with bigger and better things including more DJ shows and new equipment is KNWD 91.7 The Demon, the student run radio station.

"We have made many new changes to the station, from music programming to news broadcasts," Arthur Dew, KNWD advisor, said. "Most of these changes have been done by our station manager, Tara Luck, and of course our excellent staff."

Dew has worked with KNWD as an advisor since the summer of 2008, and he is proud of the changes KNWD are making. This semester KNWD's DJ shows have expanded to 42 shows from about 15 shows just last semester. Terrance Bartten, junior mass

communications major, is excited to start co-hosting with a friend on KNWD. They will talk about the latest topics, sports and play music.

"I had an opportunity last semester, but I was adjusting to the new school and schedule," Bartten said.

Later semester, Bartten transferred from Louisiana College where he also was a DJ.

Tara Luck, general manager and senior liberal arts major, describes the process of starting KNWD back up for the spring as "absolutely hectic."

Luck said becoming a DJ is a little more intensive than in the past. Students had to undergo training to get accustomed to the equipment before going on-air, something that just started for

KNWD.

"My job has been made easier because of our training program for DJ personnel," Dew said.

Besides playing music and hosting shows, KNWD is doing things outside of the station as well. The staff will host "Demon Fest" live on the radio in March for local bands and groups to showcase their talent.

Live feed on the radio, station renovations, news computers and software are new changes KNWD are making. The new software will allow the radio to stream live on the Internet. Luck wants to stream through the SHOUTcast streaming site.

According to www.SHOUTcast.com, the website offers thousands of free Internet radio stations from DJs and broadcast

ers around the world.

"I must applaud our staff, all whom are professional and diligent in most areas of operation," Dew said.

If you want to get involved with KNWD, you can become a part of its street team. As part of the street team, students will have an opportunity to help KNWD by promoting its station and events. The staff is also looking for music-loving students to volunteer with "Demon Fest."

Students can give feedback and contact KNWD by phone at 318-357-5693, Facebook, email at KNWDRadio@gmail.com, Orgsync or visiting the station on the first floor of Kyser.

Tune into KNWD 91.7 The Demon for the new DJ shows, music, news and much more. Later in the semester, students may even get to hear KNWD on the Internet.



Submitted Photo

Mascot Vic the Demon sports headphones on KNWD's promotional flyer for their "Demon Fest" in March held for local bands and groups to showcase their talent.

## Students gear up for Mardi Gras holiday

Alexis Reliford  
Life Editor

With the weekend quickly approaching, Northwestern students are preparing to hit I-49 south for the Mardi Gras festivities.

According to mardigrasneworleans.com, the origins of Mardi Gras can be traced to medieval Europe, passing through Rome and Venice in the 17th and 18th centuries to the French House of the Bourbons. From here, the traditional revelry of "Boeuf Gras," or fatted calf, followed France to her colonies.

On March 2, 1699, French-Canadian explorer Jean Baptiste Le Moyne Sieur de Bienville arrived at a plot of ground 60 miles directly south of New Orleans, naming it "Pointe du Mardi Gras"

when his men realized it was the eve of that festive holiday. Bienville also established "Fort Louis de la Louisiane" (which is now called "La Mobile") in 1702. In 1703, the tiny settlement of Fort Louis de la Mobile celebrated America's very first Mardi Gras.

Bienville established New Orleans in 1718. By the 1730s, Mardi Gras was celebrated openly in New Orleans, but not with the parades we know today. In the early 1740s, Louisiana's governor, Marquis de Vaudreuil ("Grand Marquis") established elegant society balls--the model for the New Orleans Mardi Gras balls of today.

By the late 1830s, New Orleans held street processions of maskers with carriages and horseback riders to celebrate Mardi Gras. Today the tradition

has grown to include extravagant floats and performances.

According to Tree Easter, a junior social work major, she has been to New Orleans for Mardi Gras too many times to count.

"The older you are the more fun it is, because you're able to do more," Easter said. "I'm looking forward to the extravagant parades and floats, but most importantly I'm ready to ride the mechanical bull!"

Besides just enjoying the parades, bulls and abundance of "liquid fun," some students visit the colorful city for other reasons.

"I go not only to have fun, but also to visit some of my family in New Orleans," Kyla Harrell, junior biology major, said. "I've been every year except the year right after Hurricane Katrina hit."

But what would a good Mardi Gras be without the signature dessert King Cake?

As part of New Orleans' Christian faith, the coming of the wise men bearing gifts to the Christ Child is celebrated 12 days after Christmas. We refer to this as the Feast of the Epiphany, or Little Christmas on the Twelfth Night. This is a time of celebration, exchanging gifts and feasting.

Today, the tradition continues as people all over the world gather for festive Twelfth Night celebrations. A popular custom was and still is the baking of a special cake in honor of the three kings, called "A King's Cake."

Inside every cake is a tiny baby (generally plastic now, but sometimes this baby might be made of porcelain or even gold).

The tradition of having King Cake Parties has evolved through time, and the person who receives the slice of cake with the baby is awarded good fortune and asked to continue the festivities by hosting the next King Cake party.

"Every time I go to Mardi Gras the first thing I look for is King Cake," senior general studies major Keyonna Jefferson, said. "Maybe one day I'll actually find the baby."

Even with all the fun and excitement, Mardi Gras can also be a dangerous time if students choose not to make wise decisions.

According to statistics from the 2012 Mardi Gras festivities released by Louisiana State Troopers, that weekend resulted in 18 narcotics seizures, 17 juvenile contacts (curfew and

underage drinking), 21-felony arrest (11 narcotics related) and 92 arrests for various crimes (DWI, disorderly conduct, simple possession of narcotics and other related charges).

Troopers' activities were focused specifically along the parade routes, such as Canal and Bourbon Street and in heavily congested areas throughout the French Quarter. Unfortunately, Troopers also investigated seven fatal crashes through the weekend. A common aspect of these fatal crashes was the lack of seat belt use.

"I'm going to make sure to be safe and stay away from anything that looks violent," Jefferson said. "I'm just looking forward to having fun and returning home safely. I have got to graduate in May!"

## New place brings new tastes

It all began at the table of a restaurant in Louisville, KY. I ordered a quesadilla that was filled with a spicy sauce and scattered with jalapenos. Jacob Labutka, Style Columnist

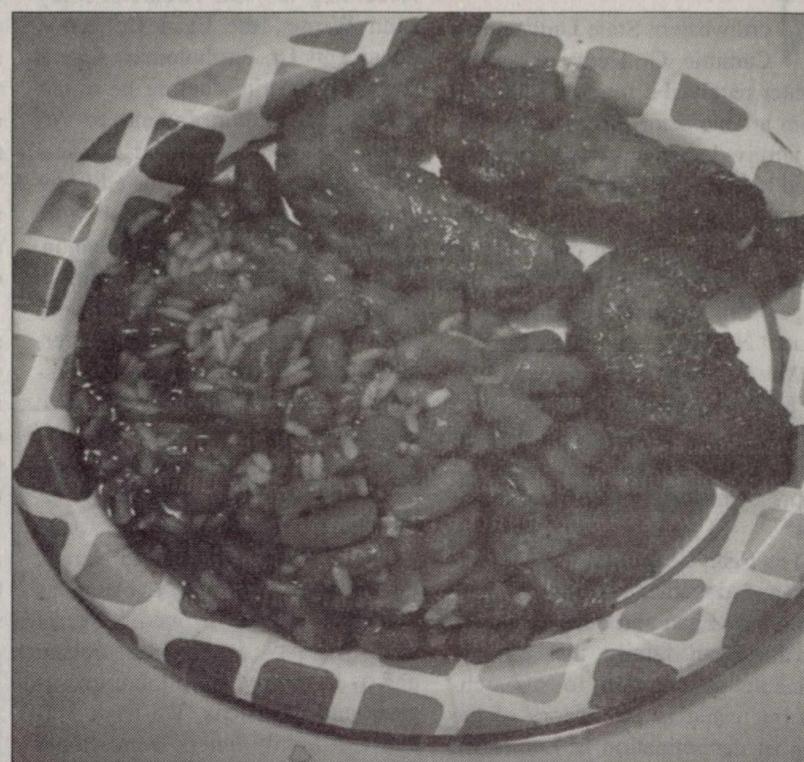


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There are fewer meals up north than the hearty, traditional southern comfort food of red beans and rice and BBQ wings.

Cajun restaurant. My previous experiences with Cajun food outside of Louisiana were the equivalent of buying a knock off designer bag or Dollar Tree's version of an Armani fragrance instead of the real thing.

Despite my doubts I put aside my cynicism and gave the place a try. I first tried a Cleveland native dish called the "Polish Boy." It didn't have the spicy kick I had hoped for, but it was actually nonetheless delectable.

The "Polish Boy" consisted of a thick link of sausage on a bun covered BBQ sauce and scattered with French fries and coleslaw. It was the perfect combination of sweet and salty, but it wasn't quite what I was looking for.

When hope seemed lost of spicing up my taste buds I ate a bite of red beans and rice and everything changed. It certainly wasn't the best version of it I've had in my life, but it definitely exceeded my expectations.

The dish was one of the spiciest I've had in weeks and it contained the right aromatic vegetables that made me enjoy bite after bite.

From the beginning I knew that food would never be the same as it is in Louisiana. However, life more often than not involves adapting to change and making the most of it.

So for now I'll continue exploring this food culture and enjoy being able to try new things. If all else fails when you miss the food back home, then the only thing you can do is to cook it yourself.

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### Did You Know?

Craving King Cake during the break and aren't able to make it to New Orleans? Bust out your parent's pots and pans and try making your own. Simple recipes for how to make your own yellow, purple and green confection can be found online at [allrecipes.com/recipe/mardi-gras-king-cake](http://allrecipes.com/recipe/mardi-gras-king-cake).

**Have a fun and safe Mardi Gras break from The Current Sauce staff!**

## Students respond to hot question, 'Apple or Android?'

The age old question that has been asked since their introduction is, "Which is better, iPhones or Androids?" Well, coming from someone who used an iPod Touch and is now a strict Android user, the answer is quite clear to me—Androids, duh.

However, not everyone agrees with me. For example, my roommate, Hanna Merida, freshman, biology major, still uses a Go-Phone.

"Smartphones, in general, are a giant waste of time," Merida said. "I think they are huge distractions because I have to bang on tables to get people's attention."



**Camille Mosley**  
Freshman Scholar

The pros and cons for each device can end up making huge lists, but from personal experience, here are a few for Androids.

Androids are extremely versatile. On my meager Motorola Atrix 1, I have sent out multiple emails at the last minute, some which included attachments from programs such as Word and PowerPoint.

Needless to say, I can make real PowerPoints, Word documents and even use Excel and Publisher. That's just a few good, practical qualities.

Some bad qualities about Androids are that one must replace

the phone within two years. The software and technology become obsolete very quickly, not to mention that the phones have the tendency to start shutting off by itself and can eventually quit charging.

Despite these issues, when new phones are released, it makes one forget about previous problems.

As previously mentioned, I once had an iPod Touch, so I am not completely illiterate when it comes to iPhones, but I decided to get some students' opinions concerning iPhones. An Android-turned-iPhone user, John Pearce, freshman business administration major, had this to say about the Apple mobile devices:

"I like Apple better because I had an Android and that was a piece of junk," Pearce. "I had to turn it off all the time. It was slow, it would drop service, wouldn't receive text messages and it never picked up on Wi-Fi."

"Since switching to an iPhone, I can now receive 4G, the phone cases are better and the service in general is better," Pearce added. "There are cooler apps, more responsive tools and the technology at Apple is better. My Android crashed about a couple days after I got it, and my iPhone has yet to crash."

Pearce has had his iPhone 4S for about three months now. Spencer Dohmann, freshman computer

information systems major, found a few faults concerning iPhones that Pearce did not bring up:

"iPhones are made to be marketed to the lowest common denominator," Dohmann said.

"Their appeal lies in the sheer number of users, which makes their App Store appear to be much more versatile, while in reality, it actually stanches creativity."

Well there you have it, folks. In the end, there is no real better mobile device, because each is better in its own way.

Which phone you choose depends on your preferences and what things you want the phone to do for you.

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Our newspaper needs stories written by students. Come by our office, 227 Kyser, if you would like to join.

Meetings every Monday at 4:00 p.m. We hope to hear from you!

- Current Sauce staff

### "Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters"

Hunting for something fun to do this weekend?

**Rating:** ●●○○○

**Annie Desoto-Buras**  
Guest columnist

If you're looking for a movie that you can enjoy without having to think about too much, then look no further than "Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters." It's rated R for things like partial nudity, language and a bit of gore, so while not family entertainment, it's an amusing way to pass 88 minutes.

Hansel (Jeremy Renner) and Gretel (Gemma Arterton) were left in the

woods as children, but after killing the witch who was interested in eating them, they decided to make ridding the world of witches their occupation.

When they are brought into a small town that is experiencing a rash of missing children, it is up to them to hunt down the witches that are responsible, including the leader Muriel (Famke Janssen), before it is too late. Along the way they have to confront some truths about themselves and their past with the help of a witch-hunting enthusiast Ben (Thomas Mann) and a beautiful young woman with a secret (Pihla Viitala).

While enjoyable and entertaining, this film certainly isn't "Oscars" material. The dialogue and delivery could use some work at times, and it's not a difficult plot to predict, but that doesn't detract too much from the experience.

Attentive viewers can have some fun playing mental whack-an-accent, since they pop up at random points and then disappear again. Only one accent is maintained throughout the film, and that's probably due to the fact that the actress is Finnish and actually has an accent.

There are some witty elements that are included in the film though (I would direct your attention to the missing child flyers wrapped around milk bottles), and the costuming and

makeup for the witches is good. This is especially evident during the huge witches' meeting toward the end of the film, in which at least 50 witches make an appearance and no two witches look alike.

Seeing the film in 3-D is fun, and there are some nice moments that seem filmed specifically for that experience, but if moviegoers don't feel inclined to pay the extra money then the 3-D isn't really required for the movie to be fun. That's what this movie is supposed to be, after all; it's intended to be fun.

While not out to win any awards, "Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters" does what it is meant to do and does it admirably. Bring some friends along if you go watch it. Being in a group just makes the experience that much better.

### Future in eye of beholder

"Think about your future" seems to be a common phrase for college-aged people to hear when their family meets a new significant other.

While thinking about your future is not a negative thing, impressing upon your child that they should be thinking of settling down at age 20 is ridiculous.

For one, the person you are with at age 20 will change and so will you, so settling down at that age can lead to huge differences in the future.

I have heard this myself a few times. While I'm only 20, I have been with my boyfriend for two and a half years and the last time I went home, my dad asked if I've thought about our future.

The first thing I thought to say, was "Future?! Pah!," because at age 20, I had barely lived.

I cannot legally buy alcohol, so why should I be considering legally binding myself to another person for (supposedly) the rest of my life?

I suppose if this were the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, when the median life expectancy for an American was only 50 years, pushing your children to marry at 20 would not have been a big deal.

That is no longer the case, as the median life expectancy for Americans as of 2003 is 77 years. (statistics from aging.senate.gov)

For a 20 year old, getting married so young is a little more daunting when you are told you can look forward to another 50 years with the same person.

It seems unfair to try to get a child to bind themselves to another person for a third of his or her life when their brain has not even fully developed.

While the average age of marriage in the United States has risen to approximately 26 years, it seems that the number is being held back by states that are considered more rural.

In the northeast, the median age of first marriage is 30 years and older. Those same states have a lower rate of divorce and those couples who do divorce have a median age lower than the state's median age of marriage.

This shows an increase of divorce in those under the age of 30. While this does not necessarily mean that those under the age of 30 are incapable of maintaining a healthy relationship, but it certainly points to that.

What I suggest would for parents and their children to calm down and realize that people in America do not need to rely on marriage partners, they need to rely on themselves.

Once you work through your issues and realize what you need, then you are prepared to accept another person into your life full-time.

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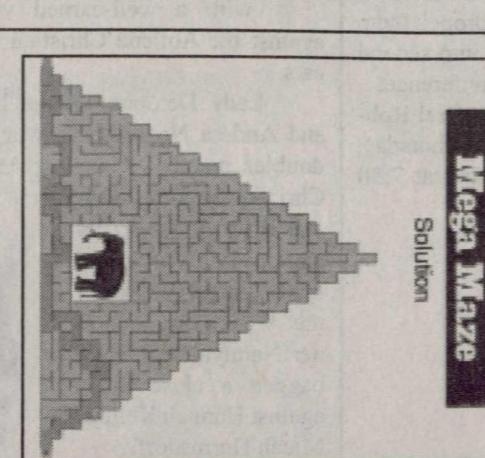
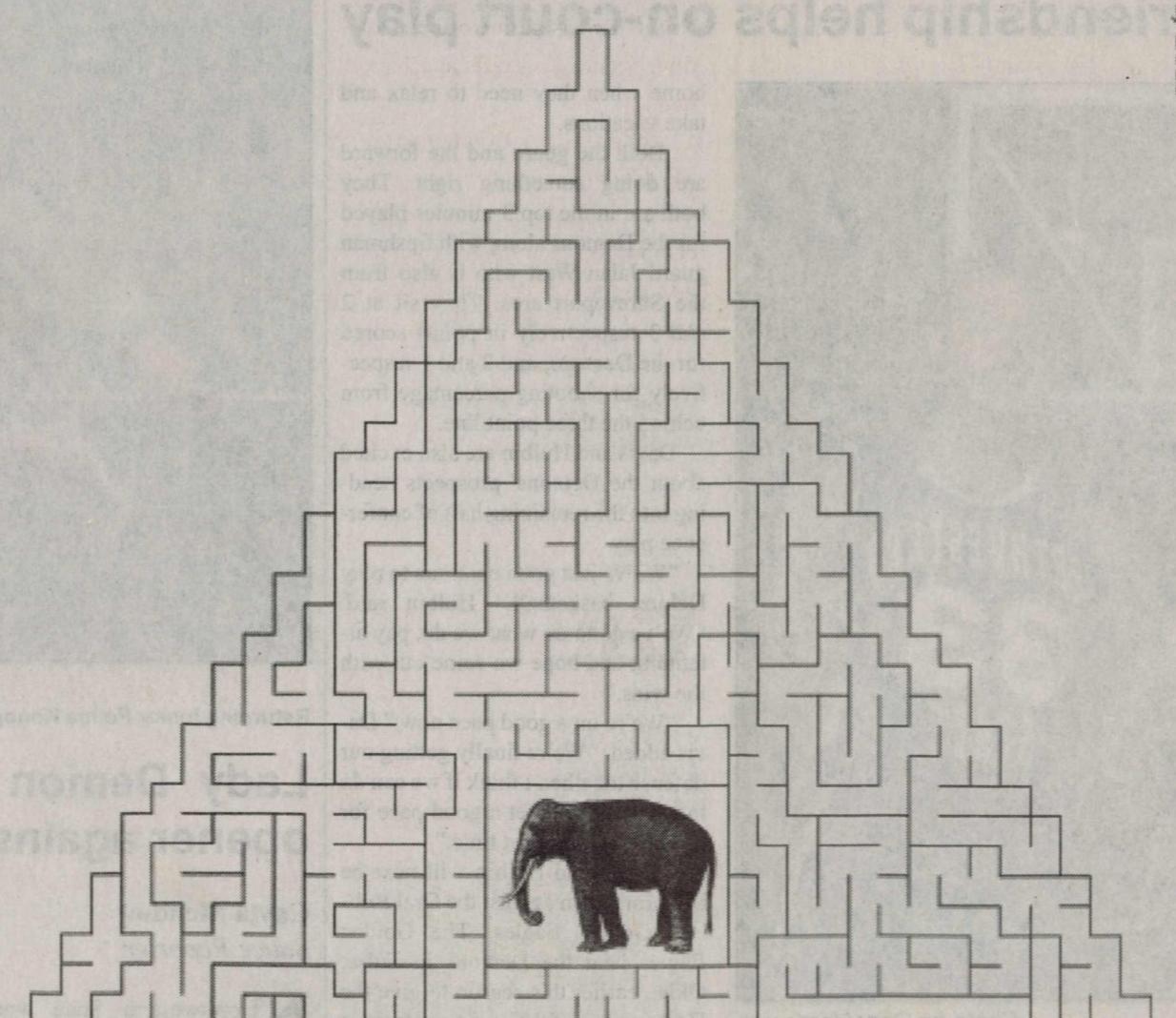
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## Demon baseball ready to prove polls wrong

**Andrea Nedorostova**  
Staff Reporter

Feb. 15 will be the first home game day of the 2013 season for the NSU Demon baseball team as they will take on Grambling at Brown-Stroud field. The NSU Demon baseball team went through several changes.

In the off season, the head coach J.P. Davis was replaced by coach Lane Burroughs who came from a Mississippi State University where he worked as the assistant of to head coach John Cohen.

"I have known coach Burroughs for about 15 years now, so it is always an advantage when you have an opportunity to hire somebody with whom you have some background," Greg Burke, Director of Athletics said. "The coach that he was working for at Mississippi State, John Cohen, was the coach that I hired here back in 1998. Now, Coach Burroughs since he has been here has done an impressive job of making not just me but a lot of people feel good about him being our head coach. He has taken the ball and run with it and he has done that very well so far."

The players feel that having a new head coach is a positive change.

"The whole team feels really confident about the new head coach," said Jake Cloutre, health and exercise science major. "I have never seen a whole group of guys putting all their trust into a coach."

Another important change that the NSU Demon baseball team underwent was electing new captains among the players. Seniors Matt Baca, Nick Purdy and Will Watson were the preferred choices for both players and coaching staff. All three of them are perceived as great lead-



Submitted photo

**Senior Will Watson runs the bases after hitting a double. Watson was elected to one of three team captain positions for this season.**

ers however, in different ways. Matt Baca is the quite leader while Nick Purdy is automatically viewed as a leader because he is a catcher who

leads by example. Will Watson has spent the most time at NSU and he was named 2013 preseason All-Southland Conference first team.

Usually, the team has only two captains. In this case, coaches decided to appoint three captains for the 2013 season.

Last but not least, the turf at Brown-Stroud field is currently being replaced which has caused little inconvenience with the team prac-

tices.

"While the project is going on of course I look on that as a short term inconvenience that will soon be a long term luxury to play on a brand new turf that I think they are going to really enjoy," Burke said. "The turf was declared unplayable at the end of last season and it was a pretty lengthy process to get things in place to replace the turf. First of all we had to let the team play their fall practice schedule on the turf, and then begin a project. At this point we are hoping that it should be completed within one week of their first game on February 15 to allow them some time to get on the field."

"We are very excited about the new turf at Brown-Stroud Field," said Cloutre. "We have had some difficulties with practicing. We are currently practicing on the football field and at Natchitoches Central but we are not complaining about it, we are embracing it, just trying to get better day by day."

In 2012 season, the Demons went 19:32 overall (14:19 in SLC). What are the outlooks on the 2013 season?

"I think that on one hand the team hasn't played a game yet but at the same time in the last seven to eight months, Coach Burroughs, his staff and his players have created a high level of interest and a renewed energy around the program that I believe is going to translate into a really successful 2013 season," Burke said.

The atmosphere in the team before the season seems very positive. "We are all excited about the season," said Cloutre. "The polls recently came out, and we are not where we want to be but we are going to play with a chip on our shoulder, and we are excited to try to prove people wrong."

## Davis, Hulbin's off-court friendship helps on-court play

**Chris Degeyter**  
Staff Reporter

Teamwork is a big key to the Demons' success this season. If players on the court don't get along and cooperate, the team falls apart. That's why it's important for teammates to be friends on and off the court, to build the bonds of teamwork.

For Senior guard Shamir Davis and Senior forward James Hulbin, they have that part in the bag.

Davis and Hulbin have known each other all their lives and their relationship has steadily grown as the two have entered their final season as Demon basketball teammates.

"I've known James for a long time," Davis said. "I think I saw every shot James took. We joke and call him 'Big Game James,' but he can make some clutch shots."

They both learned of NSU basketball from close friends, letting destiny guide them here as teammates.

"When I was in high school, one of my former teammates came here first," Davis said about deciding on the Demons. "He would tell me about how they played and how they moved the ball up and down. They really liked to move the ball and take shots. That's how I always wanted to play. I don't want to have a slow paced game. So that's what sparked me coming to NSU."

Hulbin said he didn't hear a lot



Photo by Gary Hardamon

**Seniors Shamir Davis and James Hulbin have been Demon basketball players for four years, but teammates for much longer.**

about NSU growing up. He says he heard about NSU from former teammates as well, though, and was recruited. Now that he's here, he feels

he made the right choice and that this is the right place for him to be.

Davis and Hulbin both agreed that it's also nice to have a short trip

home when they need to relax and take vacations.

Both the guard and the forward are doing something right. They both are in the top 3 minutes played for the Demons along with freshman guard Jalan West who is also from the Shreveport area. They sit at 2 and 3 respectively in points scored for the Demons, and 3 and 1 respectively for shooting percentage from behind the three point line.

Davis and Hulbin are also excited about the Demons' prospects heading into the remaining half of conference play.

"We've just gotta continue to play Demon basketball," Hulbin said. "We've gotta do what we do, pay attention, and hope we come out with the wins."

"We're on a good pace now," Davis added. "We're finally getting our defense together. I think if we can do that now, it will set a good pace for us come tournament time."

Davis and Hulbin will next be in action again against the Oral Roberts Golden Eagles. The Golden Eagles beat the Demons in Tulsa, Okla., earlier this season to give the Demons one of their two conference losses. However, a win for the Demons this time would propel them over the Golden Eagles into second place in the Southland conference.

The game against the Oral Roberts Golden Eagles will be Thursday, Feb. 7 at Prather Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.

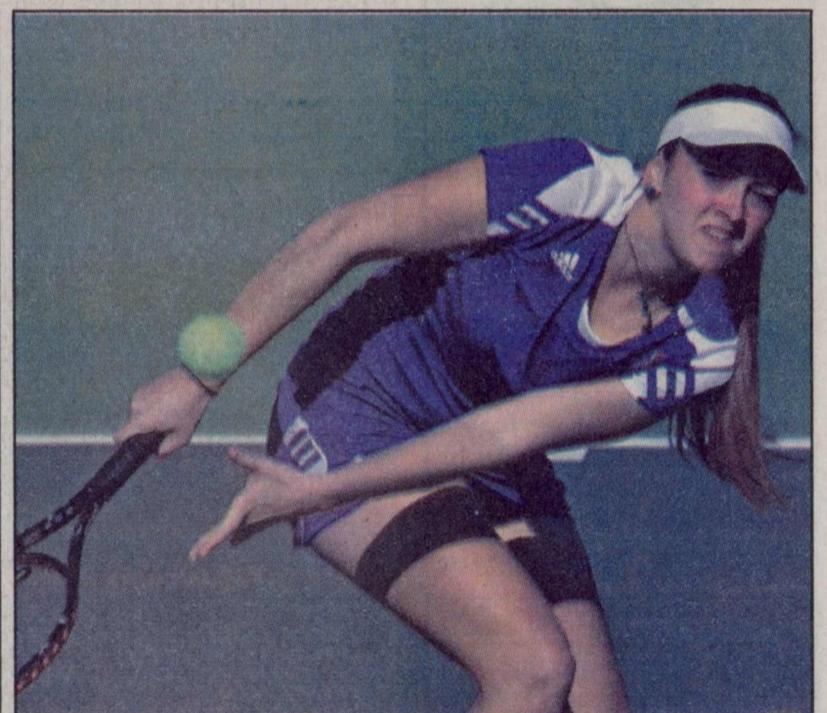


Photo by Gary Hardamon

## Lady Demon tennis wins home opener against Abilene Christian

**Cayla Mendow**  
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern State women's tennis team came out on top with a well-earned victory against the Abilene Christian Wildcats.

Lady Demons Tatiana Larina and Andrea Nedorostova won their doubles match 8-4 against Abilene Christian's Julia Mongin and Brittney Reed. Polina Konop, last week's Southland Conference Player of the Week, and her partner Natalya Krutova, also bagged a close 8-6 win against Hannah Kelley and Micah Hermsdorf.

In the late afternoon the Lady Demons succeeded in taking down ACU in singles. Tatiana Larina won her match against Julia Mongin 6-2, 7-6 and



Konop finished with convincing victory of 6-2, 4-6 and 6-3. Krutova won 6-2, 6-3 against Brittney Reed. Andrea Nedorostova defeated 6-2, 6-2 against Laura Mongin and Amy

they played very well. It's a valuable victory for our team."

The Lady Demons will host Southern Miss at NSU's Jack Fisher Tennis Complex on Saturday, Feb. 9.

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## Annual Research Day set for Thursday

Courtesy of News Bureau

Northwestern State University's 26th annual Research Day will be held Thursday, Feb. 21, according to Dr. Margaret E. Cochran, chair of the Research Day committee.

Research Day showcases a broad range of graduate and undergraduate academic and creative endeavors with students offering 15-minute oral presentations on their topics, followed by question and answer sessions.

In addition to dozens of concurrent paper sessions, the day will include musical presentations, a poster session and an awards presentation. Research presentations will be in Morrison Hall with the poster session in the Student Union ballroom.

Presentations represent "the spectrum of fine arts, humanities, sciences and social sciences," Cochran said.

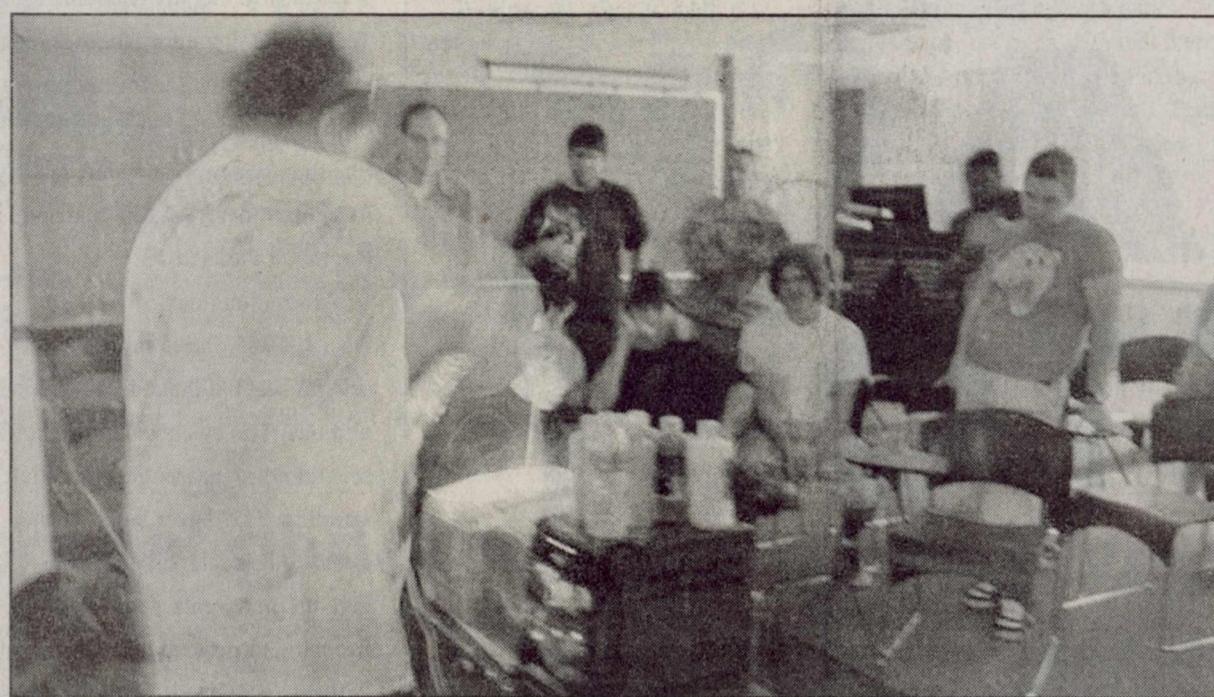


Photo by News Bureau

*Research Day showcases graduate and undergraduate academic and creative endeavors with students.*

Awards presented will include the Dr. Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award, the Dr. Jean D'Amato Thomas Award and the Dr. Marietta LeBreton Award. The Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award recognizes outstanding research and/or distinguished ar-

tistic performance or creative work substantially completed within the past three years and is open to all full-time Northwestern faculty and adjunct faculty carrying a 12-hour equated load. Last year's winner was Dr. Andrew Crank.

The Jean D'Amato Thomas

award is designed to honor senior faculty members whose careers have included a significant commitment to research and service to their discipline. Last year's winner of the Jean D'Amato Thomas Award was Dr. Karen McFerrin.

The Marietta LeBreton

Award honors faculty members whose research careers have been dedicated to research regarding Louisiana topics. Nominees may have conducted research in any discipline. Dr. Hiram "Pete" Gregory and Mary Linn Werner were the first recipients of this award. Students will be recognized with Outstanding Graduate and Undergraduate Research Awards for outstanding research, distinguished artistic performance or creative work completed by a student or team of students.

Nominations are evaluated on originality, design and methodology, impact on or contribution to the student's academic field and the potential larger impact of the nominated work. The student artist who designed the Research Day poster and program cover will also be recognized. For more information, visit [researchday.nsula.edu](http://researchday.nsula.edu).

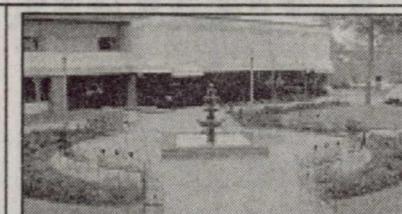


Photo Courtesy of News Bureau  
The grant will be put towards new equipment, renovations and a media lab.

**\$25,000 awarded to CAPA**

Jarred Roberts  
Sauce Reporter

A new grant has been rewarded to CAPA thanks to Sean Aldrin. This Assistant Professor of Art has only been here since last fall but upon arrival he immediately got to work on getting a grant for NSU. The student technology grant worth \$25,000 will pay for new equipment and renovations to CAPA to create a new media lab.

"The more diversity in their skills the better their chances out in the field," Aldrin said. "The current happenings in the economy have made it a tough market, the better prepared they are the better chance they are."

The grant will bring in equipment such as a green screen, high definition cameras and top-of-the-line video and audio editing equipment.

A car mount will be available allowing the HD cameras to be mounted on vehicles for moving shots up to 65 mph. Other video equipment will be powerful portable lighting rigs and multiple lenses for different camera shots. A recording studio for audio is also in the works.

The grant will bring in several iPads and iPod touches. These, along with the developer kits, will allow students to develop apps and install them on the apple devices.

"This new lab will bring us up to speed to prep NSU students in the frontier of new media and business," Aldrin said.

The equipment will arrive over the course of the summer and will be available next fall. With this equipment students will be able to make commercials, apps and other projects to expand their portfolios.

Aldrin is very disappointed his current seniors won't be able to utilize the equipment but admits this upgrade will put NSU on par with the very best.

"I'm in a position to give that back to students who don't have the capacity to afford the expensive degree," Aldrin said. "We have the same degree quality as I think other more expensive schools."

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Photo Courtesy of News Bureau  
NSU professor Matt DeFord will collaborate to create art on the river

## Professor contributes to downtown Natchitoches

Courtesy of New Bureau

Natchitoches artists Matt DeFord and Danny Brockner are in the process of installing a collaborative piece of public art on the city's downtown riverbank near the Roque House. Located on the north end of Rue Beauport, the piece entitled "Rivière à travers la pierre" is one of the first that officials hope will enhance the rich landscape of Natchitoches' downtown historic landmark district and engage pedestrians in public art displays. Long-range plans call for sculpture and other installations to be placed at designated spots throughout the Historic District.

DeFord is a professor of

art at Northwestern State University. He collaborated with Brockner, a Natchitoches businessman and self-taught stone sculptor, to create "Rivière à travers la pierre," which means "River through stone." The two answered a national request for proposals with a concept that highlights the curves of the 36-mile-long Cane River Lake and encourages viewers to identify for themselves the locations and landmarks along the lake that are part of their personal history.

The design, Brockner said, was very simple. "Most people don't know what Cane River looks like, how it courses down through

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## BACCHUS to host annual campaign *'Everybody knows somebody'*

Damian Glover  
Sauce Reporter

BACCHUS is hosting its first annual "Everybody Knows Somebody" campaign during the 26th Annual NEDA (National Eating Disorders Awareness) week in an effort to bring public attention to the critical need to raise awareness and funding to battle eating disorders in the U.S. and on campus.

On Monday, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. the organization will be outside of Vic's Café with educational materials and resources. Wednesday will consist of special messages located all throughout campus with positive messages for students and faculty.

Josh Boudreux, a sophomore physical education major, is surprised to see an event with its focus on this important subject.

"I am excited to see what BACCHUS has to offer students and faculty about this campaign and also what information they can provide for us the signs of it and what causes it," Boudreux said.

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The Great Jean Giveaway is set for Thursday also in front of Vic's from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. This is a signature event of NEDA Week. Students and faculty are encouraged to donate their jeans that they no longer want or have the need for. The motto for that day and for the week is "Be comfortable in your genes. Wear jeans that fit the real you" They are promoting students to accept themselves for who they are not and not try to be someone else.

During NEDA Week, thousands of people come together in communities across the country, hosting events to raise awareness about body image and bring national attention to the severity of eating disorders, which are illnesses with devastating, often life-threatening, consequences. While there is hope and recovery is possible—particularly with early intervention—many people

suffer from long-term effects of these illnesses.

Michelle Thomas, freshman dance major and past victim of an eating disorder is proud that the university is hosting this week.

"When I was going through my situation no one was there for me and I had to search for information myself," Thomas said. "This week long event may help someone who is going through the same thing I went through and maybe will even save a life."

Some of the many events planned for the week include presentations and health fairs in schools and on college campuses, screenings of informational films, fashion shows featuring men and women of all body types, art shows, The Great Jeans Giveaway and NEDA Walk fundraisers.

For information on local NEDA Week activities, contact the NSU BACCHUS group by emailing Kim Johnson at [johnsonk@nsula.edu](mailto:johnsonk@nsula.edu) or call 357-5621.



Scholars' Day set for

Courtesy of New Bureau  
The Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State University will hold spring Scholars' Day on Saturday, Feb. 23. The event will take place in Morrison Hall and is an opportunity for prospective students and their parents to learn more about the Scholars' College. There is no charge to attend Scholars' Day. Lunch will be available for \$10.

## Student Messenger Alert

New policy for official transcripts

Students will no longer receive free official academic transcripts. Students may order their transcripts by accessing the online transcript ordering system at <http://iwantmytranscript.com>. Check your student email account for more information.

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# Helping Hands hosts annual Black History Month program

**Jessica Blow**  
Staff Writer

Helping Hands will host their annual Black History Program Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Magale Recital Hall. This year's theme is titled "I Won't Give Up My Seat," and was inspired by Rosa Parks, who is famous for refusing to give up her bus seat for a white man.

The program will consist of Helping Hands participants along with Lifted Voices. The student-run organization began preparing for the program last fall and decided on the theme in November.

Clarissa Morgan, Helping Hands President and senior biology major said the preparations became tedious and handful, but she enjoyed looking into all the aspects and increasing her knowledge of influential individuals. Along with playing one of the main characters, she contributed to writing the script and organizing the program.

"Practices were long, but we got a lot accomplished," Morgan said.



"It gives them an opportunity to express themselves and create what they think is important to them," Jamie Flanagan, Helping Hands advisor, said.

According to Flanagan the program is free to everyone, but donations are welcomed.

"Yes, it's a Black History

Program, but we want everyone to come out and learn and support," Flanagan said.

Morgan believes this program is important for everyone to see.

"Everyone needs to be reminded of our history and to know where we came from, to better ourselves and to make successful

progress in the future."

Rosa Parks was born on Feb. 4, 1913 in Tuskegee, Al. At an early age, Parks' mother moved her family to Pine Level, Al to her parents' farm because of the split with her husband.

In the 11th grade, Parks attended a laboratory school for second-

ary education led by Alabama State Teachers College for Negroes, but she soon had to quit for the illness of her grandmother and mother. She then got a job at a shirt factory in Montgomery, Al. She married Raymond Parks at 19.

After a long day of work on Dec. 1, 1955, Parks sat in the first several seats in the colored section of a bus. The bus became full, and several white passengers were left standing. The driver stopped and asked four black passengers to give up their seats. Parks refused. Refusing to give up her seat, Parks was arrested. The arrest was the cause of a statewide boycott, which helped change black history.

Beside Parks' seat refusal, the program will discuss a variety of historical black people and the issues they faced in a time of discrimination and segregation.

"This is not only a focus on African-American history, but American history," Morgan said. "Everyone gets something out of it."

## Parkway Cinema

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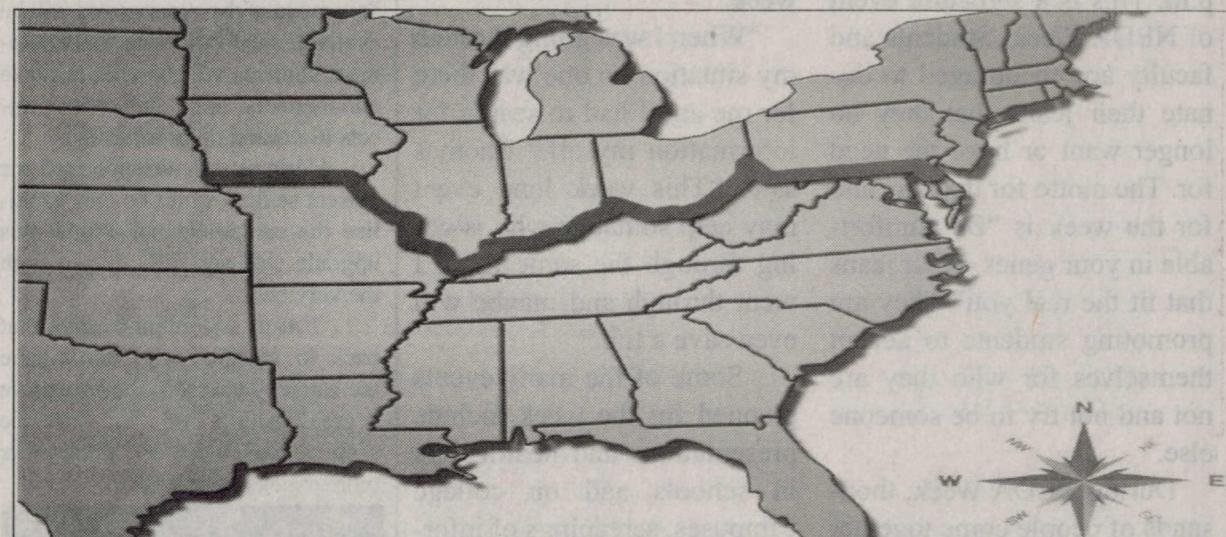
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## The rules and exceptions of social possibilities



Jacob Labutka is studying abroad at Cleveland State University and currently resides north of the Mason-Dixon line. The Mason-Dixon line is the classic cultural divider between northern and southern states.

Life in the city certainly has its perks, but the array of shopping opportunities is both its greatest strength and my greatest weakness.

Oscar Wilde certainly once said, "The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it." However, Jacob Labutka his budget (or Style Columnist line of credit) was likely more extensive than the limit on my Visa.

In life we find ourselves in places like cities or faraway lands where we must make the most of our time given the many divergent paths one can take. With this array of shopping and career options comes a greater number and diversity of inhabitants.

Given the density of the crowd in places like Manhattan or Chicago, one might think it

would statistically be easier to meet and grow closer to people. Despite what statistics might say, is it really easier to be social in the city?

It is certainly easier to do social things in the city, but that doesn't mean it is easier to be social. There are people all around, but that doesn't mean they are going to stop you on the street and say hello.

Apart from a sideways glance indicating lustful motivations that one might receive, there isn't always an outgoing city street culture. The urban hustle and bustle is largely comprised of people meeting deadlines and heading to their next appointments.

There's also something to be said for southern hospitality. There may be problems with southern culture, but friendliness isn't one of them. When one walks down the street in a quaint southern town or even a bustling city, one can expect many other

pedestrians to wave hello or at least acknowledge each other's presence.

Not to say this never happens above the Mason-Dixon line, but it is my belief that people here often prefer to be introduced rather than meet spontaneously (much like in Jane Austen's time). However, with every rule there are also many exceptions.

If we truly want to have it all (whatever "all" consists of for you), then it's about looking for the exceptions wherever you are. There are plenty of people in the south who won't give you the time of day and plenty people who identify as Yankees who are sweeter than sweet tea.

I've personally met and become friends with wonderful people here. Am I the exception or the new rule? Regardless, no matter where you are, the best things in life and the greatest experiences you will ever have will begin by being proactive.

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# Opinions

## Body acceptance: important value for college students

The importance of body acceptance on a college campus could not be understated in an age filled with such influential pressures from peers and media. For some, there are major issues in the idea of body acceptance.

Some believe body acceptance, an originally inspiring idea, has morphed into an acceptance of unhealthy and harmful lifestyles.

Others deny that "thin" people should be allowed into the body acceptance movement. By this, I mean that some think those who are relatively in shape should not feel anxious about their body or physical



Catherine Beverly  
Opinions Editor

appearance. That is absurd!

Personally, I do not think body acceptance should be limited to any shape or level of fitness.

The people you think are beautiful are likely to have problems with their appearance. Insecurity does not go away with a few trips to the gym and a good diet (but let's be honest, how many college students actually have a good diet).

I have to admit, for the sake of this article, that I am not very healthy. Despite this, I am doing my best to eat right. This simple method is my way of accepting myself in the shape that I am in.

The only downfall to the recent body acceptance craze is the previously mentioned side effect of adopting an unhealthy lifestyle and using the term "body acceptance" as a shield to protect you against what may be serious health concerns.

While I will always support body acceptance, I believe a person should strive to remain healthy. Whether healthy for them is a size six or a size 16, it does not matter.

A survey of approximately 4,000 people by Psychology Today, last reviewed in 2011, revealed that 89 percent of women wanted to lose weight and only eight percent wanted to stay the same. While the number for men was much lower, it still hovered around 50 percent.

Something astounding the survey

revealed about Psychology Today's readership is that 24 percent of women and 11 percent of men would sacrifice three or more years of their life to achieve and maintain their goal weight.

Women between the ages of 13 and 19 most satisfied with their appearance, but even with that there are still 54 percent surveyed in that age group who are dissatisfied. That percentage slowly increases with each age group.

While college students may not be avid readers of Psychology Today, I believe the findings of a similar survey would show the same things if answered by Northwestern students, especially since image is so important in defining your personality. Not to mention the fact

that many students still live with their parents' voices in their heads.

The important thing to remember when following the example of those who practice body acceptance is to always be your best. It is a good to love yourself—which is one of the only ways to have enough determination to change yourself for the better—but remember to keep a healthy balance in your life.

The way I practice acceptance towards my body while trying to remain healthy is by eating in moderation, finding healthy alternatives to sweets and snacks and reminding myself not to ride around parking lots looking for the spaces closest to the doors.

Now, repeat with me: "I try to be my best."

## We need writers!

Our newspaper needs stories written by students. Come by our office, 227 Kyser, if you would like to join.

Meetings every Monday at 4:00 p.m. We hope to hear from you!

- Current Sauce staff

## Is technological generation gap already too wide to bridge?

Ever since the iPod came out, technology has been seen as "The Devil." However, it wasn't really until phones became popular with kids that adults suddenly came up with the common phrase, "Technology has ruined our kids."

I remember sitting in my high school AP Biology II class on the first day of class listening to my teacher tell us youngins how terrible technology is and how it has ruined us as a generation.

I did not sit there with a



Camille Mosley  
Freshman Scholar

dumbfounded or irritated look like the rest of the kids in that class. I argued with this teacher for 10 minutes about how technology, although can be seen as a new vice, is most certainly the most wonderful innovation to happen to the human race. Most adults want to look at the pessimistic outcomes of technology.

I grew up outside as a child. I rode my bike, swam in pools, and I hated to be inside. As I grew older, and my younger siblings grew older, I realized that their childhood was not as adventurous as I would have liked it to be. They are growing up

Machinery and equipment developed from such scientific knowledge."

Technology is applied science. Now doesn't that seem fitting? Science has been renowned as devil craft since the medieval times, and is still seen that way in the sense of technology. There is a new witch hunt out, but this time it is focused on the new wonders of technology.

I grew up outside as a child. I rode my bike, swam in pools, and I hated to be inside. As I grew older, and my younger siblings grew older, I realized that their childhood was not as adventurous as I would have liked it to be. They are growing up

with Wiis, iPads, iPods, computers and all of that indoor stuff.

I have recently accepted, though, that this is the generation they live in. My siblings and I are eight years apart. They will graduate high school in the year 2020 while I am already off into the working world. The generational gap has caused an insurmountable difference in the way that we are raised.

They sit in their rooms playing Xbox and watching their recorded shows.

There isn't a real problem with this because that is what they were born into—it is what they know. Despite all of this, my stepdad

refuses to accept this reality for his children.

What my dad and many adults don't understand is that not every child is a baseball star, a dancer, a football player or a popular kid. With the lack of athletic skills, many children turn to video games or television as a coping mechanism.

So what? There are now people who have become famous through the Internet.

Teenagers nowadays are more likely to know about Jenna Marbles than whoever is on the latest Fathead commercials.

This is the world that we live in.

Technology comes easily to us, and adults need to accept this.

In fact, engineers are one of the most sought-after candidates for a variety of growing fields — computer engineers, Disney Imagineers, biomedical and biochemical engineers, petroleum engineers and mechanical engineers.

So, to those who raise the complaints I previously stated, all I have to say is this: Technology is not a devil. It is not here to destroy us. It does not make us stupid. It is merely the product of a new generation.

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by Linda Thistle

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### Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

It was noted American poet Ogden Nash, best known as a composer of droll verse, who made the following sage observation: "Some tortures are physical / And some are mental, / But the one that is both / Is dental."

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, if you're like the average American, you consume 132 pounds of sugar every year. Compare that to folks in the year 1700, who consumed only about 4 pounds of sugar per year.

If you cook a single ostrich egg, you can feed 24 people.

When you studied history in school, you probably didn't learn about Edward Hyde. He was a cousin to Queen Anne and was appointed to the post of colonial governor of New York, in which position he served from 1702 to 1708. Though he's not well known now, he was quite the talk of the colonies in his day. It seems that when a delegation of colonists

went to his mansion to welcome the new governor, they found him sitting on the front porch, crocheting a doily and wearing one of his wife's dresses. At his first formal ball as governor, he wore a gown. His eccentricities continued until he was caught embezzling public money and was returned to England.

The next time you see a shampoo commercial and note how creamy and frothy the lather seems to be, keep this in mind: The model in the advertisement probably has either laundry detergent or frothed egg whites on her hair.

Those who study such things say that 10 years after a hot dog has been dumped in a landfill, the wiener could still be intact.

*Thought for the Day:* "When you stop doing things for fun you might as well be dead." — Ernest Hemingway

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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

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## NSU rack up wins at weekend tournament

**Brittany Russ**  
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demon softball team was crowned champion of the Bulldog Battle hosted by Mississippi State this past weekend.

"We had a great weekend against some really good competition," said head coach Donald Pickett. "I'm glad to see all of the hard work these ladies have been doing to be recognized."

The Lady Demons (6-2) went 4-1 in tournament play as they defeated Western Kentucky 5-3, Lipscomb 2-1, host Mississippi State 10-5 and Murray State 3-2. Their only loss came against Murray State Saturday evening as NSU fell 5-4 in the bottom of the seventh.

In the final game of the tournament, the Lady Demons got its revenge on Murray State.

The Northwestern State Lady Demon softball team defeated Murray State 3-2 Sunday morning, in the final day of the Bulldog Battle hosted by Mississippi State.

"It felt good to come in and get the win this morning, especially after falling to Murray last night," said Pickett. "I was really proud of the way the team performed at such a competitive tournament this weekend."

The Lady Demons improve to 6-2 as Murray State falls to 1-2 on the season. The Racers got off to an early start, putting two on the board in the top of the first off of a RBI single.

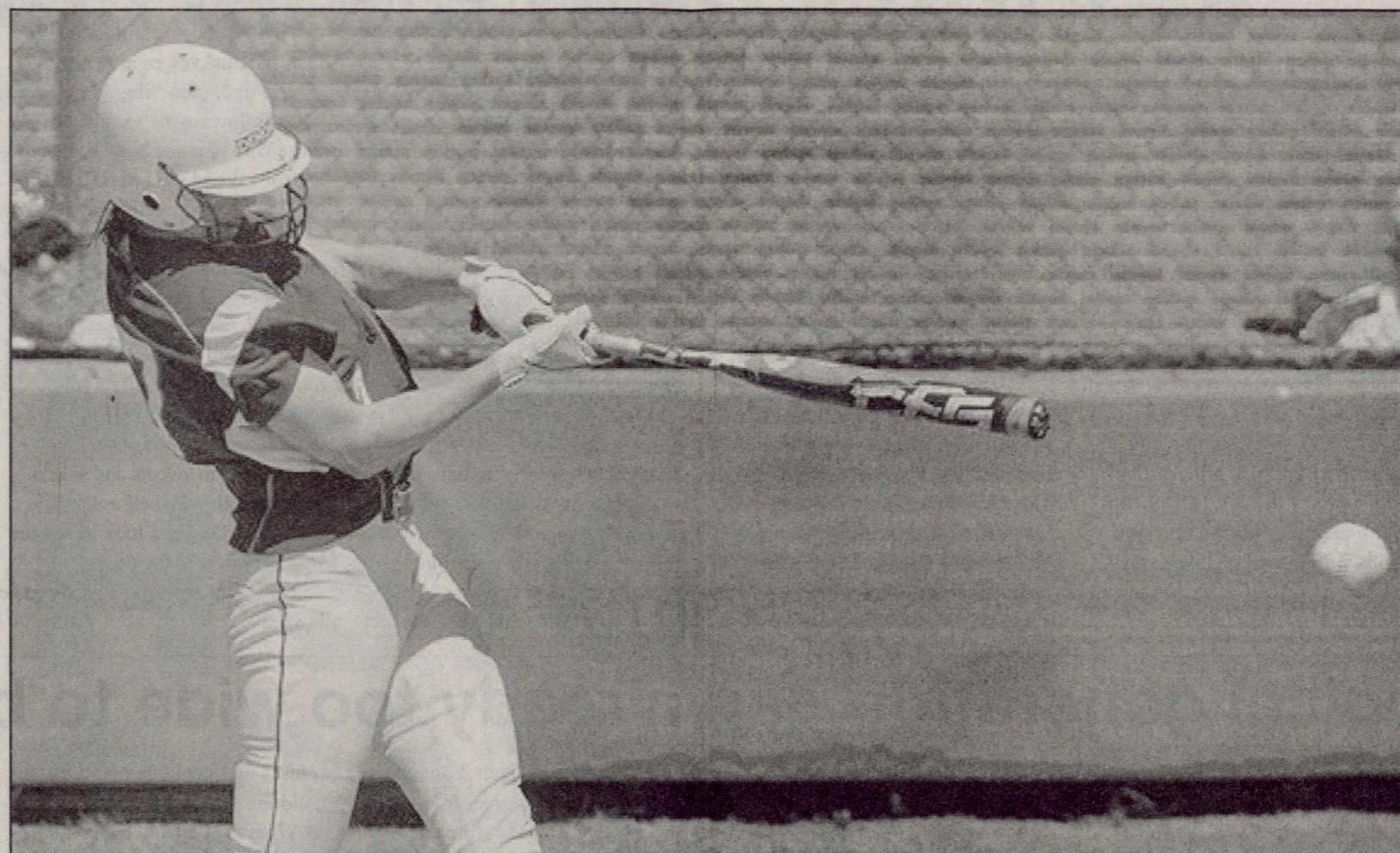


Photo by Gary Hardamon  
Brittany Virgoe makes solid contact with the ball to get on base. Virgoe was named to Primetime Performer of the Week Honor Roll.

NSU answered back shortly after and sealed the victory in the bottom of the second as sophomore Brittany Virgoe stepped up to bat with the bases loaded. Virgoe notched a single and advanced to third on a throwing error, putting the Lady Demons up 3-2.

Senior Kylie Roos pitched seven complete innings to earn the win. Roos struck out nine and allowed only five hits while facing 29 batters.

Virgoe led the Lady Demons from the plate with two hits and two RBI.

Perhaps the most impressive win of the weekend was NSU's convinc-

ing win of Mississippi State.

Roos' first inning grand slam ignited the Northwestern State Lady Demon softball team to defeat host Mississippi State, 10-5.

Virgoe, Tara McKenney and Cali Burke loaded up the bases in the top of the first to allow Roos to notch her

first grand slam of the season, putting the Lady Demons up 4-0 over the host Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs held NSU scoreless in the second and inched closer as Julia Echols notched a RBI single

to bring Mississippi State within one of the Lady Demons.

In the fourth, NSU crossed the plate five times starting with Cassandra Barefield ripping a RBI single to left field, allowing Roos to score from third.

Cheyenne DelaGarza singled through the right side to later score, and put the Lady Demons up 6-4.

Virgoe notched a double to left field to send Barefield and Jordan Palmer home. McKenney added another tally as she crossed the plate on a passed ball, putting the Lady Demons up 9-4. The fifth and sixth innings were rendered scoreless.

Virgoe and three other Lady Demons were named to the All-Tournament team including McKenney, Burke and DelaGarza.

Virgoe had a great weekend at the plate hitting .471 as she notched eight hits, three runs, four RBI and one double. Virgoe was able to get on base alongside McKenney and Burke in the top of the first against Mississippi State to allow Roos to crank out her first grand slam of the season, putting the Lady Demons up 4-0 en route to a 10-5 victory.

McKenney put the ball into play three times to garner a .313 average, five runs, one RBI and one stolen base. Burke collected two hits for a .333 average as she crossed the plate four times. Burke ripped one double and earned one RBI as well.

DelaGarza also hit .333 on three hits for two RBI, two runs, one double and one home run against Murray State.

NSU travels to Alcorn State on Wednesday for a double header slated to begin at 1 p.m.



Photo by Gary Hardamon  
Todd Wallace beats the pitch and slides home. Demons beat Grambling in the 16th inning, Sunday.

## Demons open season with sweep over Grambling State

**Christopher Degeyter**  
Staff Reporter

A walk-off single by senior catcher and first baseman Todd Wallace drove home red-shirt freshman Jake Clouatre to earn an 8-7 Demon victory in extra innings.

The victory came after two previous victories against the Grambling State Tigers (0-3), 11-6 and 6-0. The sweep puts the Demons starting the season at 3-0.

The Demons were without a run for 11 innings before Wallace's RBI in the 16th. The run also ended a six-inning drought of runs from either team, as the game progressed deeper into extra innings.

The RBI was Wallace's second of the game. He also scored twice himself, including a home run in the second inning.

Wallace's home run came after another home run by senior designated hitter Matt Baca. Both runs came in the second while the De-



mons were down 2-0 to tie the game.

The game stayed tied at 2-2 until the fourth inning, when the Demons rallied 5 runs to extend the lead to 7-2. However, that lead was short-lived. The Tigers scored four runs of their own the next inning to leave the game at 7-6.

No runs were scored until the final inning, when the Tigers managed a last effort run to tie the game, then kept the Demons from scoring to force the extra innings at 7-7.

The Ragin' Cajuns are coming off of a tough 10-2 loss in their own series this weekend. They finished that series 3-1. The Demons meet the Ragin' Cajuns tonight at 6 p.m. at Moore Field in Lafayette, La.

"It was a long game," first-year head coach Lane Burroughs jokingly said. "I can't even remember the first half of it. We talk about this every single day. Sundays in college baseball is about toughness, especially when they're trying to keep from getting swept."

Burroughs added there were plenty of times his team could have thrown in the flag and give up but didn't.

"We may not be the best team in the world, but we've got tough kids," Burroughs said. "I think we showed a lot of toughness today getting this win out."

The Demons proceed into a mid-week away game against the UL Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns. The game will be the Demons' first road test of the season.

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## Giddens, Tillery earn SLC honors

Courtesy of Sports Info:

The Northwestern State men's and women's track and field teams pulled out 12 top three finishes at the LSU Twilight Meet on Friday evening.

Seniors Karena Ellis and Ali Fontenot and sophomore Jerrica Tillery notched first place finishes for the Lady Demons. Ellis won the 1 mile run with a time of 5:09.84 and Fontenot registered the top finish in the 3000m at 11:01.46.

Tillery recorded finished first in the triple jump with a personal-best leap of 39-10.50.

The Lady Demons also had three second-place performers. Junior Keona Jackson placed second in the shot put with a throw of 45-06.50 and Sarah Emory finished just two seconds behind Fontenot in the 3000m with a time of 11:03.42.

The 4x400 relay team of Quiana Griffin, Constance Seibles, Ellis and Consuela Lindsay also placed second in a season-best time of 3:53.36.

Rechelle Bessard threw for



Jessica Tillery flies through the air on one of her jumps that landed her in first place. Tillery earned SLC honors.

45-01.75 in the shot put and Janae Allen registered a personal-best mark of 56-10 in the weight throw as both Lady Demons placed third in their respective events.

On the men's side, Brent Giddens came in second in the 60m hurdles with a time of 8.31.

Mitch Landry also had a top-three performance, placing third in

the 3000m in 9:09.67.

The 4x400 relay team of Jarrod Charles, Dezrick Williams, Austin McCauslin and Gabriel White ran a season-best time of 3:25.09, also placing third.

Both NSU teams travel to Norman, Oklahoma next weekend to compete in the Southland Conference Championships.

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# Maggio, Conine named to new positions

Courtesy of News Bureau

**D**r. Chris Maggio has been named Assistant Vice-President of External Affairs for University Advancement in a realignment of personnel at Northwestern State University that includes the appointment of Mrs. Frances Conine as Dean of Students.

Northwestern president Dr. Randall Webb said the reorganization "is designed to focus increased emphasis and attention on the acquisition of private funds, recruitment of new students and student retention and services."

He said, "As state funding for higher education continues to decline, it is imperative to expand self-generated revenues through private funds and increased tuition revenues. Dr. Maggio has extensive expertise and experience in both student recruitment and fund development."

Webb added, "Retention of current students through outstanding services and programs that enhance student life is also essential in maintaining and increasing enrollment, and this reorganization plan reflects the importance of student services."

The NSU president said, "Mrs.

Conine has been at the forefront for years of initiatives to provide effective, meaningful services to students, and this plan sharpens and magnifies the focus on those efforts."

Under the realignment that is pending approval of the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System, Maggio will assume the responsibilities of the Director of University Advancement and maintain the duties of directing student recruitment that he held in his previous position as Assistant Provost and Dean of Students.

Brad Laird, who has served as Director of Advancement over alumni and development activities, resigned recently to become head football coach at Ruston High School, his alma mater.

Responsibilities for student services and activities that Maggio held as Assistant Provost and Dean of Students will be assumed by Mrs. Conine and others in the student affairs area of the university.

Webb said, "This new alignment that consolidates, combines and reassigned responsibilities of Dr. Maggio, Mrs. Conine and others in External Affairs and Student Affairs will result in overall personnel savings for the university while refining



Photo Courtesy of New Bureau

Newly named Assistant Vice President of External Affairs, Chris Maggio and newly appointed Frances Conine have worked at Northwestern State for a collective total of 50 years since 1981.

services and relationships with current and prospective students, alumni and prospective donors."

Maggio has been a staff member at Northwestern State since 1988. He was named Dean of Students and Assistant Provost for Student Success in 2007. Maggio was selected as Director of Alumni Affairs in 1999,

Director of Alumni and Development in 2003 and Executive Director of the NSU Foundation in 2005.

Under Maggio's leadership, the NSU Foundation completed its first capital campaign in Northwestern's history, exceeding a campaign goal of \$18.84 million and raising \$31 million to support the university. He

has also been a faculty member in the Department of Health and Human Performance for 11 years.

During his career at NSU, Maggio also served as Director of Admissions and Recruiting and Director of Enrollment Services. He joined the staff at Northwestern State as women's track and field coach.

Maggio, a 1985 graduate of Northwestern, earned his master's of education at NSU. He received a doctorate in developmental education from Grambling State University.

Conine has been at Northwestern State since 1981, serving as Coordinator of the College Success Program and Educational Coordinator of NSU's Central Louisiana programs from 1986 to 1989.

She was Director of Counseling and Career Services from 1989 to 1998, Director of Student Services and Judicial Affairs from 1998 to 2011.

Two years ago, Conine was named Executive Director of Student Development and Student Conduct. She has been a faculty member in the College of Education and Human Development since 1996.

In 2004-05, Conine was selected as President of the Louisiana Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators. She received the Air National Guard Center of Influence Award in 2010 for her influence on a member of the guard or their family during a deployment.

Conine received a bachelor's degree in sociology at Auburn University and a master's of education from Delta State University.

**"A university should not be allowed to accept a kid for classes knowing that kid is depending on university-provided housing unless the housing is up to par and available."**

-Veronica Dohmann  
Parent



Submitted Photo  
Students complain about the lack of housing available on campus.

## Housing issues fluster students

Camille Mosley  
Sauce Reporter

**I** remember when they told me I had to move out of Varnado," Spencer Dohmann, freshman CIS major said. "I was sitting in my room when I got a knock at the door. It was 3 p.m. and they said that I had to move everything into Columns by 5 p.m. that day."

Dohmann said the room was not ready to be moved into. Spencer also had to find transportation to move his things because he had no car.

He found the experience to be stressful. Veronica Dohmann, Spencer's mother, was not happy with the news.

"As angry as I was, it all did work out," Veronica Dohmann said. "Luckily, he had a brother and grandparents who could for over six hours on a Monday."

Although she is thankful Spencer

was able to get help for the move, she said not all students have the resources to do the same.

"He is happy where is now, but still, no students should have problems with having a place to sleep," Dohmann said. "A university should not be allowed to accept a kid for classes knowing that kid is depending on university-provided housing unless the housing is up to par and available."

Moving and unfinished rooms aren't the only problems students experience when it comes to on-campus living. One student suggests there should be more help available for on-campus students.

Demarcus Mollette, junior nursing major said, "I personally think that we need more housing and we need more RAs because we just need more than what we have."

Mollette said he hasn't had a good experience with housing maintenance.

"I understand that it is a large cam-

pus, but I have to fill out two or three work order requests to get things fixed," Mollette added.

Tremayne Freeman, junior electrical engineering major shares frustration with university housing.

"The prices are way too high considering what we get," Freeman said. "They overcharge you for things and if you don't check, they'll keep charging you."

Finding a room on campus hasn't been a nightmare for everyone. A few enjoy the on-campus living experience, including sophomore psychology major Brad Billeaud, who is satisfied with his room, and the perks on-campus living provides.

"I like living on campus because there are no bills," Billeaud said. "You don't have to pay electricity bills and you don't have to worry about Internet. The cafeteria on campus makes it to where you don't have to go off campus to get food."

## Registrar's office issues new transcript policy

Damian Glover  
Sauce Reporter

**T**he registrar's office recently changed its policy on requesting a transcript online. Students will now be subjected to only a paper copy for the price of \$3.25. All free paper and digital copies have been discontinued.

Previously students could receive a free transcript digitally and only had to pay a small fee to receive a paper copy. The charges included with the fee will include printing and mailing the transcripts to the students.

Samantha Bourgeois, freshman biology major, has mixed feelings about the changes that have occurred through the registrar's office.

"I personally don't know what to think about the new changes to the transcript request," Bourgeois said. "I honestly feel that this new system may be a step to a better future, but I am also alarmed by the price of a

piece of paper with our grades on it. They need to review this more before putting a price of something so simple."

There is still no charge for unofficial transcripts that are available on NSUConnect. If a student has a financial obligation to the university, the balance must be paid in full before the printing of an official or unofficial transcript is done.

Tyler Smith, sophomore accounting major, feels that the new policy will only benefit the university not the student.

"As coming from a student who isn't financially inclined, this new plan will not help the students but only give them one more thing to worry about," Smith said. "Having students pay \$3.25 for one transcript is ridiculous and unheard of. If the university wants to charge for transcripts, a student should be allowed to get a certain amount of transcripts not just one," Smith said.

Processing transcript requests at the end of a semester may take lon-

ger. Students who only attended Northwestern State University prior to summer 1985 may obtain their official academic hard copy transcript by submitting a written, dated and signed request.

Students must complete an online transcript request located on the registrars office website. They then must print it out must be mailed or faxed the office. Cash, check or a money order will be accepted in the University Registrar's Office in Suite 308, Student Services Center for written transcript requests in excess of two per semester.

Charges must be paid in advance by faxing the MasterCard, Visa or American Express credit card information to (318) 357-4257, or by mailing a check or money order to Northwestern State University, Student Accounts, P.O. Box 2419, Natchitoches, LA 71457-2419. Upon confirmation of your payment, the transcript request will be processed.

## Wall Street journalist offers guidance to students

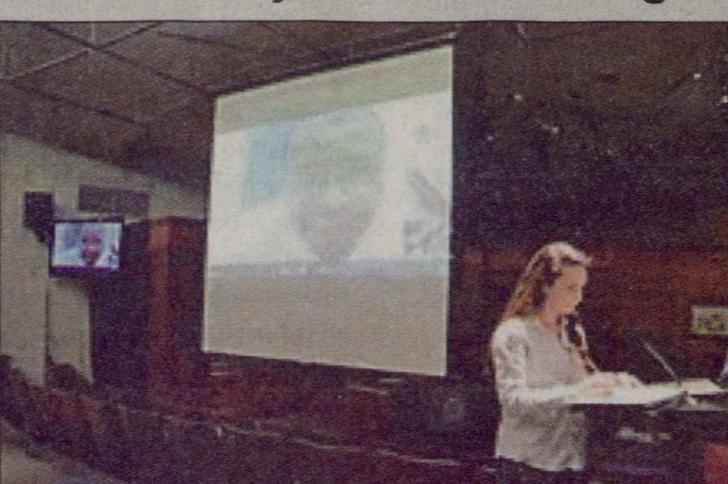


Photo by Gary Hardman  
Fields encourages students to take advantage of resources.

Alumni Gary Fields spoke to communication students via Skype about the importance of volunteering for student media and internships. Fields emphasized how his NSU education and experience played a critical part in landing jobs at well-known publications such as USA Today, The Washington Post and presently, The Wall Street Journal.

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# KNWD finalizes DemonFest line-up

**Tara Luck**  
KNWD Station Manager

**H**ave you been dying to find out which of your favorite local bands will perform at KNWD's DemonFest?

Wait no longer! The line-up is finalized for Saturday, March 23 event at the NSU Tailgating Field and includes excellent local talent.

Matthew Dean, KNWD Music Director, has been working for months narrowing down the bands and feels confident in the bands selected for the festival.

"The bands chosen represent all the flavors of music local to Louisiana and they do it well," Dean said.

True to Louisiana's wide variety of music, the genres of the bands range from jazz-fusion to alternative rock and metal. DemonFest starts with a pre-show at 11:30 a.m. featuring top hits from KNWD's popular radio show "Gamer Tracks." Bands begin at noon and end after the headliner, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

Headlining DemonFest is Shreveport band Super Water Sympathy (SWS). The majority of band members are NSU alums and cannot wait to come back to perform for their alma mater.

"I have quite a soft spot for



Photo submitted by Tara Luck

**KNWD's DemonFest takes place March 23 at the NSU Tailgating Field. Pictured above is DemonFest's headlining band, Super Water Sympathy, performing at 7:30 p.m.**

Natchitoches," Lead SWS singer and NSU theater department alumni, Ansley Hughes, said. "I love that place and I always will.

As much as the city has given to me, I see the band as a way to

give back to Natchitoches. It's not often that new things happen there so we'd like to be one of those 'new things.'

DemonFest was last held in Natchitoches on Front Streets in

2006. James Mariano, News Director for KNWD, emphasized the importance of celebrating the history of live music in Natchitoches through DemonFest.

"You hear of universities holding concerts and clearly [in the past] we did too because of the time Jim Croce came to play in Natchitoches back in 1973," Mariano said. "It's cool that we are bringing DemonFest back and bringing live music to this campus. Let's just hope this one goes better than Jim Croce's! Maybe one of the bands can play 'Bad, Bad, Leroy Brown' in his memory."

The KNWD staff hopes that this event will become an annual occurrence and will grow to be a Louisiana version of the "Bonnaroo Music Festival" held every summer outside of Nashville, Tenn. The staff feels that DemonFest is a fun way to give back to Northwestern students and the Natchitoches community.

DemonFest is free and open to the public. Northwestern student organizations will be on-site selling food and providing other activities such as picture opportunities and games. Attendants should feel free to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket to come enjoy this spring afternoon event.

## The official line-up:

**11:30 a.m. - Gamer Tracks with DJ Taylor Furr [Natchitoches] (Video Game Music)**

**Noon - Tajh Derosier and the Hybrid Groove [Natchitoches] (Jazz Fusion/Jazz)**

**1 p.m. - Dufflebag Gang [Natchitoches] (Blues-based Alt. Rock)**

**1:30 p.m. - Terror at the Tea party [Olla] (Post-Hardcore/Metal-Core/Electro-Core)**

**2:30 p.m. - Chris Hamlett [Pineville] (Indie/Folk Rock, Experimental)**

**3 p.m. - Engine [Shreveport] (Space Western / Caddo-American Folk Rock)**

**4 p.m. - Carley5K Productions with Beauski [Alexandria] (Electronic/Hip-Hop/Rap)**

**4:30 p.m. - Bears and Wolves [Shreveport] (Indie Rock/Ambient)**

**5:30 p.m. - Chamber Tryouts [Shreveport] (Indie Experimental)**

**6 p.m. - Dixie Tradition [Shreveport] (Rocking "Chrome and Skoal" Country)**

**7 p.m. - Indian Giver [Shreveport] (Psychedelic Punk-Groove)**

**7:30 p.m. - Super Water Sympathy [Shreveport] (Water Pop [synthesis of classic symphonic ambience with modern rock'n'roll anthems])**

## What lies to the side of your future home?



The downtown area of the Disney-created town, Celebration, Fla., is a popular example of New Urbanism.

**W**hen it comes to thinking about the future, everyone has certain things that automatically come to mind. For some it's living in a suburb with a spouse and children, while others dream of life on the farm and an adventurous few dare the subways and density of the big city.

We all know (or think we know) what we want out of our futures, but do we ever stop to think about the implications of what we will need? You may want the pleasures of suburban life, but that doesn't mean you'll care to live in a stereotypical "sitcom suburb."

The city is full of hustle and bustle, but it is not always so wonderful. I may want to go shopping and ask about breast

augmentations in Beverly Hills, but that doesn't mean I want to spend two hours in Los Angeles traffic to get there. I also may want to drive downtown somewhere, but I'd like to see serene and colorful roadway views instead of brown fields and bland industrial buildings on the way there.

This leads me to my first point of contemplation: how will you get to where you want to go in your future? For example, if life in the suburbs seems attractive, yet you like close amenities and rapid public transit, you might want to reconsider your options.

Transit networks are indeed extending into suburban areas, but the most convenient points of access will always be towards the heart of the city.

With transit (whether by car, bus or train) comes the need to access necessities and amenities.

When you come home from work every day and possibly want to buy fresh food from the market, an ideal environmentalist will not want to have to make several stops to do so.

The solution, which can be found in most downtowns and some suburbs and small towns, is mixed-used development. Front Street in downtown Natchitoches is a local example of mixed-used development (unfortunately lacking a locally-owned market). A variety of businesses are placed along street level and most of the space above is residential (albeit quite expensive).

A popular model of mixed-used development is known as New Urbanism. It plans for walkable neighborhoods, maintains transit-oriented development, sustains an aesthetic natural environment and encourages a mixture of building uses.

In an ideal New Urbanism

model, residents should not have to walk more than 1/4 of a mile away from their homes for basic daily necessities. In many cities with this model, fresh markets, bakeries and other amenities are located within reasonable walking distance.

The aesthetic component of New Urbanism brings to mind the kind of neighborhood you will want. There is something exciting about walking out onto a vibrant street, but there is also something serene about garden views, small town architecture and chaotic city life far off in a skyscraper scene. It comes down to asking yourself what you want to wake up to in the morning.

In truth, we hardly know where our lives might take us and where we will end up years from now. However, I merely seek to suggest that there are numerous factors that lie beneath one's future idyllic home.

## Parkway Cinema

1011 Keyser Avenue

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## 2013 Oscars controversy: MacFarlane goes too far?

There seem to be a lot of differing opinions about Seth MacFarlane's brand of humor, as seen Sunday night at the 2013 Oscars. There was a huge outcry as the Oscars went on; most of the clamoring was focused on the stereotypical insults MacFarlane directed towards some of the Academy's finest.

I don't believe I am being overly sensitive in my criticism of MacFarlane. I understand that some people enjoy his humor, but I don't think it was Oscar material.

Although many supporters comment on the fact that he didn't

write the jokes himself, he did have to approve them.

The country is currently divided on issues of political correctness, something that could easily be seen in comments about MacFarlane's performance the day after.

There were those who disapproved of his sexist and racist rambling; those who didn't mind the jokes, but thought the humor fell flat; and, finally, those who loved the boob songs and flu anecdotes.

Personally, I have enjoyed comedy that calls on stereotypes, but only when those jokes are utilized to show how stupid those

stereotypes can be. In MacFarlane's case, I have seen some of that in *Family Guy*.

Although I'm not an avid watcher of the animated show, I have seen a few episodes and it is true that MacFarlane can use his sharp humor to reveal the stupidity behind some beliefs and social norms, but that didn't seem to transfer well to the format of the Oscars.

Instead, we got a seemingly adolescent boy singing to some of the most talented people in the world about boobs. *Boobs*. Watch a clip of the song and you'll see that everyone is very removed from the performance. If the audience isn't laughing, you have a problem.

Some commentators went so far as to say the reactions of the actresses were staged to make the joke funnier, but how far can you carry a theory before you a grasping at straws?

It didn't stop there, next were the jokes about George Clooney dating younger women that went as far as to offer up Louisiana-native and 9 year old Quvenzhané Wallis, nominated Best Actress, as a potential mate.

(On an off note, The Onion also tweeted this about the young starlet: "Everyone else seems afraid to say it, but that Quvenzhané Wallis is kind of a cunt, right? #Oscars2013" It seems like no one is safe for the sake of a flat joke.)

The night went on, some people interested in the snarky comedy of MacFarlane, some people streaming posts about his disrespectful humor, but a word hasn't been spoken by those responsible for putting on the Oscars.

I'm not sure we'll ever get a response on the matter from the Oscars, as they have to stand by their man to a point, but eventually the fans might come to an agreement.

While many media outlets crucified MacFarlane for his degrading jokes, one of them involving women throwing up to look more beautiful in their dresses, commentators seemed to disagree with the writers.

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## WARM BODIES

'Romeo and Juliet' rises again

Rating: ●●○○○

Annie Desoto-Buras  
Guest columnist

What would the aftermath of the zombie apocalypse be like? Well, according to *Warm Bodies*, it would be slightly less terrifying than previously believed.

Apparently the rise of the undead would be surprisingly like

Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* except with, you know, a little more brain eating.

R (Nicholas Hoult) is a zombie with a problem. That problem is that, unlike so many of his undead brethren, R is still sentient and is torn about his need to eat the living.

After eating the brain of Perry (Dave Franco), R falls in love with Perry's girlfriend Julie (Teresa Palmer) and rescues her from the

rest of his undead comrades.

Over the course of a few days inside his home in an abandoned airplane, the two grow closer and Julie learns that not all corpses are thoughtless killers.

The two confront the rest of the zombies in the course of returning Julie to her home inside the human compound, and the unity between a corpse and the daughter of the human commander sparks something in R's friend M.

This change becomes something of an epidemic among the undead community, leading the newly-conscious corpses to go seeking a peace with the humans while being pursued by the Bonies, skeletal undead who have given up the hope that now drives the others.

With a Bony horde approaching the compound and a corpse army willing to fight on the side of the

living, it is up to R and Julie, along with Julie's friend Nora, to convince Julie's anti-zombie father that not all undead are created equal.

Despite the fact that it uses two familiar concepts, *Warm Bodies* combines them into something that is pretty entertaining and fresh.

It obviously doesn't follow the exact story arc of *Romeo and Juliet*, though there are some obvious allusions to that work (check out the balcony scene), and despite the fact that there is some juicy brain eating on offer, it shows a different side to the undead than that to which we have become accustomed.

While not Oscar-material, *Warm Bodies* is an entertaining way to spend a couple of hours. For added enjoyment, go see it with some friends; not only can you all laugh and flinch together, but as R himself attests, it's safer to travel in packs.

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## Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

It was screenwriter, playwright, novelist, director and producer Ben Hecht who made the following sage observation: "Trying to determine what is going on in the world by reading newspapers is like trying to tell the time by watching the second hand of a clock."

Those who study such things say that the Earth spins faster on its axis in September than it does in March.

When the TV show "Bewitched" first started filming, the star, Elizabeth Montgomery, was just a month away from giving birth to her first child, so the first five episodes were shot almost in their entirety without her. It wasn't until the baby was a few weeks old that she was able to go on the set to film her scenes.

If you're a fan of the Beatles, you probably won't be surprised to learn that during the decade of the 1960s, they had more top 10 hits and more No. 1 records than any other recording artist.

Before the June 1944 invasion of Normandy, a crossword puzzle that was printed in the London Daily Telegraph contained the words "mulberry," "Neptune," "Ornith," "overlord" and "Umb." That may not seem to be a fact of much interest, but it turns out that those were all secret code words used by the Allied military in planning the upcoming offensive. The puzzle's author, a schoolteacher, was tracked down and interrogated, but the puzzle's content was ultimately chalked up to coincidence.

The country's first pay phone was installed in a bank in Hartford, Conn., in 1889. It cost 5 cents to place a call, the equivalent of \$1.25 today.

Thought for the Day: "Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters." — Albert Einstein

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: T equals O

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## CryptoQuote

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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WB WR BCY KWNCB JD MV

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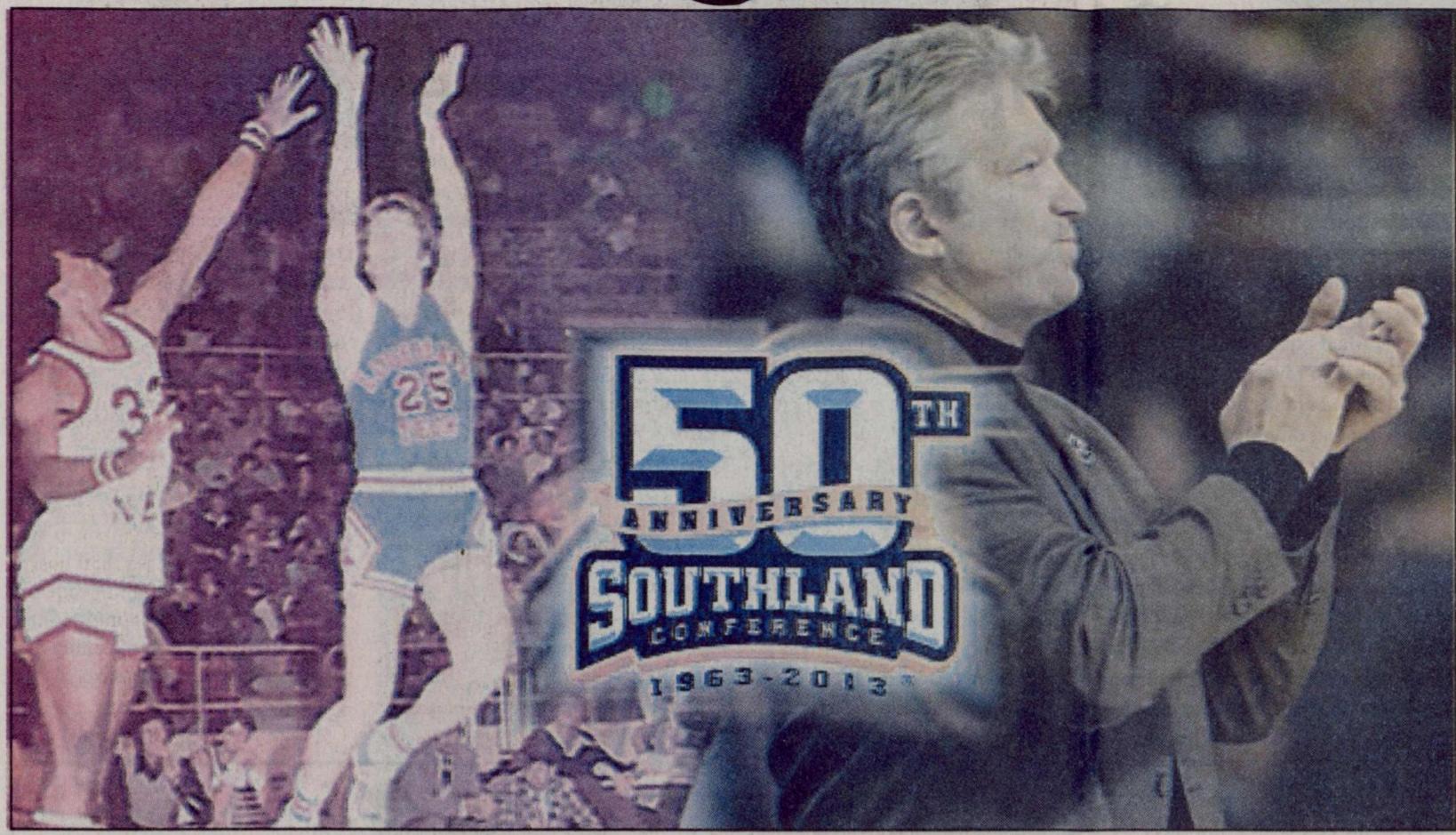
answer

If we see a light at the end of the tunnel, it is the light of an oncoming train.  
- Robert Lowell

King Crossword  
Answers  
Solution time: 27 mins.

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Basketball head coach Mike McConathy has 571 career wins. This season, his Demon team co-leads the Southland Conference.

## The McConathy Magic

**McConathy earns spot on Southland's All-Decade Team for the 1970s**

Courtesy of Sports Info:

**N**orthwestern State's Mike McConathy is on the verge of becoming the winningest men's basketball coach in state history, but Monday he was honored for his incredible playing career at Louisiana Tech when he was included on the 20-man Southland Conference All-Decade Team for the 1970s.

McConathy has 571 career victories in 30 seasons as a head coach heading into the Demons' contest Saturday night at 6 at Stephen F. Austin in a matchup of the co-leaders in the conference standings. The winner will have a one-game lead with two home games remaining March 7 and 9.

Grambling's Fred Hobdy had 572 career wins in 30 seasons as the Tigers' coach and is in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame. McConathy won 352 games in 16 seasons after

starting the program at Bossier Parish Community College, and has 219 wins in 14 years at Northwestern.

The Southland, as part of its year-long 50th anniversary commemoration, is announcing all-decade teams in basketball over the last two weeks of the regular season. The 1970s team includes McConathy and three Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame members: Dwight "Bo" Lamar and Andrew Toney of Louisiana-Lafayette, and Louisiana Tech's Mike Green.

McConathy was a three-year All-Southland guard who averaged 20.7 points per game in his career, scoring 2,033 points in 98 games. He was the 1975-76 Southland Player of the Year while averaging 24.7 per game (13th nationally) and leading Louisiana Tech, coached by NSU alumnus Emmett Hendricks, to the conference championship in his junior season.

As a senior, he had a 27.5 scoring average, seventh-best in the nation, was chosen to play in the Big Apple All-Star Classic and became a fourth-round draft pick of the NBA's Chicago Bulls. He was released on the final round of cuts, briefly played professionally in Europe, and returned home to marry his wife Connie and begin his coaching career.

A four-year starter, McConathy still holds Louisiana Tech school records for free throws made in a game (19), season (200) and career (465) and ranks 10th in Southland history in career scoring.

His career scoring high was 47 at Lamar in his junior year, one of six games in which he scored 40 or more. Two came against Northwestern, where his father and two uncles starred in the 1950s.

Basketball greats such as Lamar, Green, Toney, Robert Parish, Joe Dumars, Karl Malone and Calvin

Natt have visited Prather Coliseum, which opened in 1964. But despite the stars who have come calling, McConathy holds the Prather single-game scoring record with 45 as on Dec. 11, 1976, when he shot 16 of 26 from the field and sank 13 of 15 free throws.

Two of McConathy's college teammates made the team. Lanny Wells was, like McConathy, a three-time All-Southland selection from 1973-77.

Wells joined McConathy's staff at NSU for two seasons before graduating from NSU in 2010 and remains an avid supporter of the NSU program as an unofficial chaplain. Victor King (1975-79) also made the Southland's All-1970s team.

The Southland will announce the 1980s teams for women's and men's basketball this week, and the men's and women's teams for the 1990s and the 2000s next week.

## Lady Demon softball improves with facilities

Bailee Cartwright  
Sports Reporter

**T**he Lady Demon softball team no longer travels in station wagons to games or plays on city complexes. But they do continue to share the same traditions with the first NSU softball team of 1979.

Today, the NSU softball team travels in charter buses with a full-paid coaching staff and the opportunity to earn full athletic scholarships. The softball department is continuing to improve for this 15-member team.

Senior pitcher Brooke Boening, fourth-year team member, has battled injuries this past year, but is now healthy and ready to make this season her best. Much advancement was made since her freshmen year, and she believes that this will pave the way for the team's success.

"I think the upgrades to the softball department have brought more enthusiasm and a better atmosphere

to our team," Boening said. Some of the advancements include a renovated locker room, more apparel and tutoring services available in Student Academic Center.

A current renovation is the "Vision of the Future" softball complex project. It is entirely funded by private support and NSU student facility improvement fees. The advancements will include chair-backed seating, a partially covered grandstand and a new press box.

Lynne Roberts, who played on the first NSU softball team in 1979, is excited about the new upgrades. She was one of the team's biggest fans when her daughter, alumna Samantha Roberts, also played for the softball team for the past four years.

"The game has changed since I played," Roberts said. "There is more talent and softball is a faster-paced game."

However, some traditions still remain the same on the NSU softball team such as the apparel and the



Cassandra Barefield prepares to drill a pitch. She lead the team with eight home runs as a freshman last season.

color scheme.

"Our uniforms then were still the traditional school colors," Roberts said. "We wore pants and accented orange just like the NSU softball team currently does."

The softball team has also maintained special game traditions throughout the years.

"Traditions that have always been

a part of the softball program is the 'Fork Em' sign after the pledge of allegiance and team dinners before and after games," Boening said.

"My goal to make season this different from the rest is to win conference, establish a name for ourselves and gain respect throughout the athletic community," senior player Jordan Palmer said.

## Lady Demons take down UNO

Andrea Nedostova  
Staff Reporter

**T**he Lady Demon Basketball team won a non-conference home game against the University of New Orleans. Lady Demons overcame Lady Privateers 63-50 in Prather Coliseum.

The best shooter of the game was Keri Thomas from University of New Orleans who scored 26 points. Her teammate Mirjam Sipos added 16 points but it was not enough to defeat Lady Demons.

Keisha Lee and Janelle Perez from Northwestern State had the highest success from NSU team as they both scored 14 points while a senior Jasmine Upchurch did not stay behind and scored 12 points to help the Demons beat New Orleans by the difference of 13 points. Jasmine Bradley also performed very well for Demons as she ended with 12 boards.

The Lady Demons started the match with a 5-0 lead. Lady Privateers answered to that by taking their largest lead of the game (3) 12-17. That was also the last time that UNO was up. NSU dominated for the rest of the half (37-27) and for the rest of



Photo by Gary Hardamon

## Demons grab rubber match against UTPS on two big innings

Courtesy of Sports Info:

**D**own 3-0 early, the Northwestern State offense outscored Texas-Pan American 10-1 Sunday afternoon to give the Demons a 10-3 victory in Sunday afternoon's rubber match.

NSU (5-2) scored three runs in the fourth inning to tie the game, and then added seven in the sixth frame to put the game out of reach for the Broncos (2-5).

"You set out to win every series you play, and our guys did that after a rough one Friday night," said first-year head baseball coach Lane Burroughs. "Our guys showed some toughness winning yesterday and today."

UTPA scored three runs in the first two innings, but a three-run surge that started with Nick Purdy's single to left field got the Demons going.

After Purdy's single to left field, Matt Baca lined one to right field and Edwin Gomez walked. Todd Wallace knocked in all of them on a double down the left field line.

Northwestern State continued the surge in the sixth that opened up with Cort Brinson's single down the middle and a wild pitch that sent him to second. Nathan Lyons reached on a fielder's choice when Broncs' shortstop Shane Klemcke's throw to third base went awry.

Matt Farmer had crucial pinch-hit down the left field line that scored

the game.

"I think we shot the ball great but did not play good defense like we wanted to," Jasmine Upchurch, senior radiology major, said.

Upchurch is one of the three seniors on the team.

"I try not to think about my season ending and try to keep continue leading the team like a senior should," Upchurch said.

NSU's current conference record is 6-9 (11-15 overall). The Lady Demons need to win one more conference match in order to participate in the Southland Conference Tournament that will be held in Katy, Texas by the end of the season.

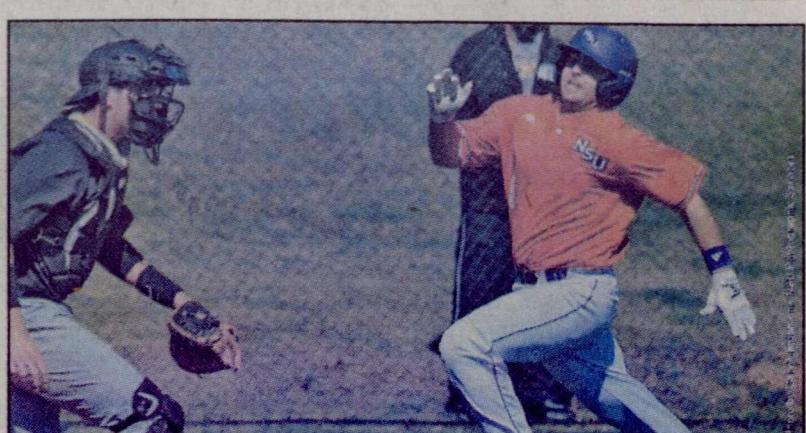
NSU will play the last three conference matches in the next two weeks. Their opponents will be Stephen F. Austin, Corpus Christi and Sam Houston State. The last two matches will be played in Prather Coliseum.

"I know that we are going to make the tournament, and hopefully we will get that win Saturday against Stephen F. Austin," Upchurch said.

The next conference match against SFA will be played in Saturday at 4 p.m. in Nacogdoches, Texas at the William R. Johnson Coliseum.

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## Long time band director retires

**Camille Mosley**  
Sauce Reporter

**N**orthwestern is renowned for its award winning music and theater program. Many musicians and performers have walked through the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) buildings and come out as legends in the industry. Bill Brent, Director of Bands, has marched many to success.

Brent started working at Northwestern in 1984, where he took a meager 48-person band and made it into a prestigious, nationally-acclaimed 300-person band. In the time span of his career here, Brent has won dozens of awards, including being recently inducted into the Louisiana Hall of Fame and the American Bandmasters Association.

In 2007, he was inducted into the Louisiana Music Educators Association Hall of Fame. Brent received the President's Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his work at Northwestern in 2002.

Northwestern's band was named one of the top eight in the country by the Web site collegeot.com in 2008. In 2008, Brent received the Outstanding Bandmaster Award for the state of Louisiana from the Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity.

The band was a finalist for the 2011 Sudler Trophy, an award to identify and recognize collegiate marching bands of particular excellence that have made outstanding contributions to the American way of life.

NSU's band started 2011 by participating in the New Year's Day Parade and Festival in London.

With all of his achievements and 29 years of service, Brent has decided to step down as director of NSU's marching band and pass the torch to Jeffrey C. Matthews, director of summer music classes and conductor of the NSU Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band.

"I want to sincerely thank Dr. Randall Webb and his administration for their support for the past 17

years and Dr. Robert Aloft who was my boss prior to Dr. Webb, for his support as well," Brent said. "It has been a wonderful time for me and I feel that the program will continue to thrive under the leadership of Dr. Mathews."

David Cantera, freshman music major, was in the marching band this year.

He played the French horn for the Spirit of Northwestern.

"He's a great person who really cares about his students," Cantera said. "Despite his busy schedule, he takes his time to really get to know his students."

"I know he really loves us, and I'm really going to miss him," Cantera said. "Most band students see Mr. Brent as more of a fatherly figure because he looks out for his students and helps them in any way he possibly can!"

Brent was nominated for the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame. Brent will receive his plaque, Saturday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Jazz R & B Festival.

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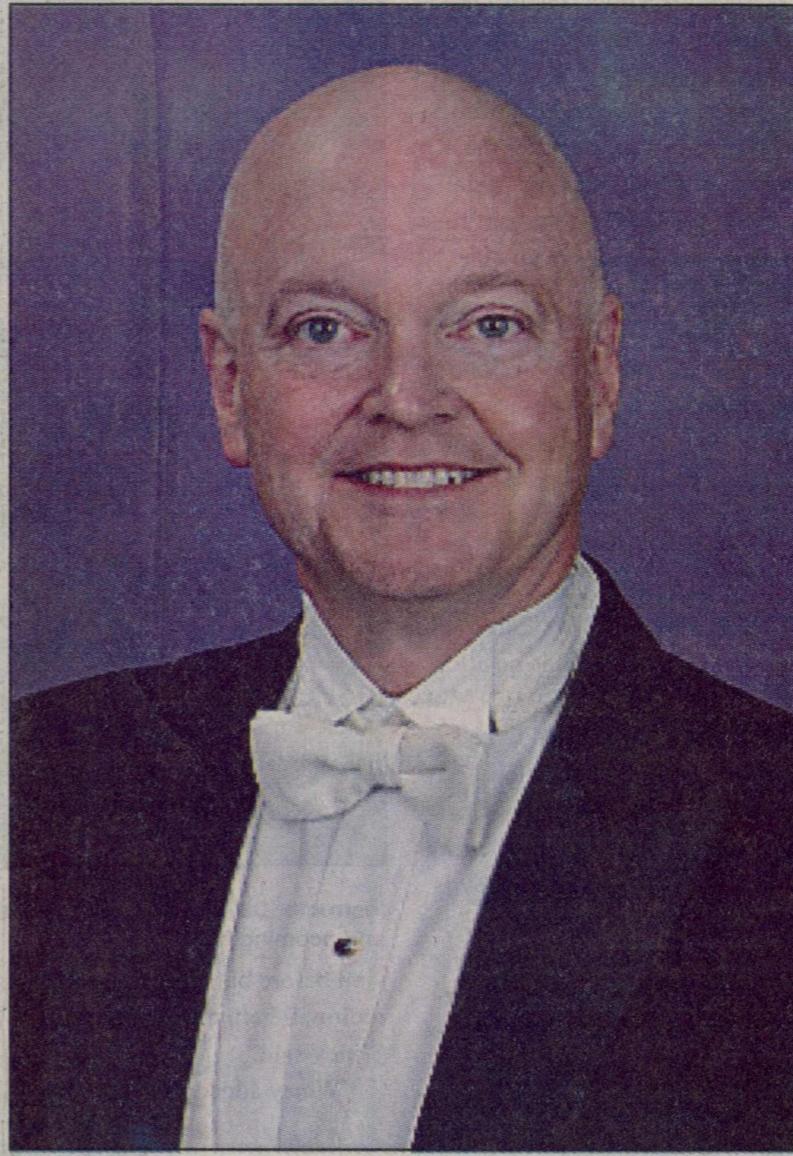


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### Upcoming Events

**Softball vs. Louisiana Tech**  
**NSU Softball Complex**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**March 3**

**NSU Wind Symphony Magale Recital Hall**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**March 4**

**Stand for Freedom Kyser Hall**  
**11 a.m.**  
**March 5**

**NSU Chamber Choir Magale Recital Hall**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**March 5**

**Women's basketball vs. Texas A&M - Corpus Christi**  
**Prather Coliseum**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**March 7**

**Brainy Acts Poetry Society Poetry Slam Friedman Student Union Ballroom**  
**7 p.m.**  
**March 7**

**Men's basketball vs. Texas A&M - Corpus Christi, Prather Coliseum**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**March 7**

## SGA to hold representative meet and greet 'Meet Your Representative Day!'

**Jarred Roberts**  
Sauce Reporter

**S**tudents will be able to speak with their senators at "Meet Your Representative Day." The event will take place at the Student Union Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Twenty-two senators will be cycling in and out during those hours listening and engaging the student body as students voice their questions and concerns.

The event is being organized by Student Affairs Committee co-chairs Kyla Winey and Lamario Fortson. There will also be pizza and prizes.

Giveaways will include t-shirts, scantrons and more.

"Meet Your Representative Day" has been harder to put together than the SGA would have thought. Winey admitted that the event was intended for last semester but had to be pushed back.

"We came back this semester full force" Winey said. The union has been reserved and the t-shirts

ordered. The hardest task is getting all 22 senators to show up, especially with school going on."

The goal is for students to come out and become involved with their student government.

"We really want a lot of students to come, we are not going to bite we are just here for them. For the students," Fortson, committee co-chair said.

Winey said that if 150 students drop by then it will have been a success in her eyes. This isn't the first event this has taken place but it has been a while.

During SGA week, there was a similar event but Fortson said it didn't go well and there was not much publicity for it.

To increase awareness, SGA has a few more events planned after this one.

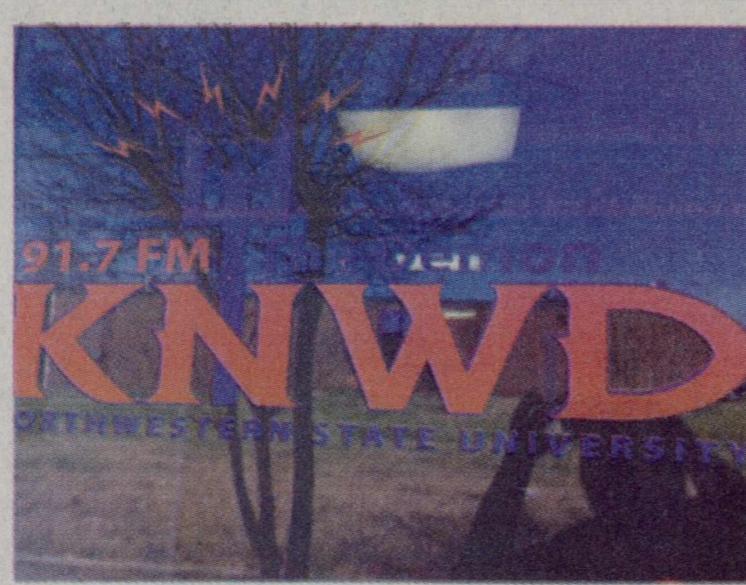
There will be a poetry slam in April and there is talks of a possible fashion show. Fortson would like for senators to visit residence halls to encourage other students to get involved with SGA.

"People need to know what's

going on with SGA," Fortson said. "They need to know what's going on, who we are and what we do."

Winey said student affairs meetings are open to the public. They discuss anything that directly affects the students. The meetings are Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

Meet Your Representatives Day is Wednesday at the Student Union from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Students can stop by to see what SGA is all about.



KNWD will begin online streaming by the end of the month.

## KNWD hits the web

**Jarred Roberts**  
Sauce Reporter

**K**NWD the Demon is no longer restricted to the radio. Northwestern's radio station should be streaming online by the end of the month on SHOUTcast radio.

Live streaming will allow everything to be heard in real time and Luck intends for streaming at all hours.

SHOUTcast is the internet radio

site that will be hosting KNWD and can be streamed from computers and also has an iPhone and Android app for streaming on the go. With this addition KNWD will be heard farther than ever before. Online streaming has been planned since Tara Luck became general manager last year. Streaming could have started sooner but Luck admitted that this project has been more difficult than anticipated.

Daniel Thiels, news reporter for KNWD, has been hard at work trying

to set up the stream.

"We just got new computers which we needed for a while," Thiels said. "We needed a computer strictly for streaming the audio. We also got software which encodes the audio into digital for to stream."

The final step of the process involves obtaining a server in order to stream online. SHOUTcast won't be the station's first time online. KNWD has recordings on Soundcloud.com. Links to this site can be found at KNWD's Facebook and Orgsync pages. Soundcloud can be accessed via mobile device.

Future plans for the station include a small recording studio that would allow local bands to record songs. The recording studio would allow radio artists to prerecord their shows to be put on air or online at a later time. Thiels said with new equipment, KNWD is moving towards becoming a media outlet that fits modern day radio standards.

As news reporter Thiels intends to increase his online presence by posting news, he will also have any special segments available online for students to hear at any time.

Even though KNWD is finding a home on the internet, Luck still has faith in radio.

"We believe it is still a thriving media, but it is a media that is branching out to other playing devices," Luck said.

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# NSU TV returns with 'Demon Life' shows

**Jessica Blow**  
Staff Writer

**O**"Oh, I love it," NSU TV executive producer and director David Antilley said. Antilley has been working as executive producer and director since 1991.

"Everyday I come to work, it's something new," Antilley said. "My job is not boring. I might be at Prather Coliseum setting up for a basketball game, A.A. Fredericks for Lady of the Bracelet, here in the studio or teaching students how to edit footage. I don't have a set schedule."

Since the journalism department no longer exists, students are now required to take communications courses in its place.

According to Antilley this is the only difficulty he has encountered so far. Fewer classes are offered that are geared towards working with television. Before, there were classes that allowed students to work more with NSU TV.

The television and directing class gives students a chance to work behind the scenes with studio cameras, audio equipment and other technologies. Antilley teaches both classes with finished products shown on NSU TV.

"Demon Life," a NSU TV show is hosted by the students of a television news-writing course taught by Arthur Dew. For "Demon Life" students create their own news packages and discuss various topics.

Angelica Kotun, senior mass communications major, is currently enrolled in this class. She is now in the process of editing her first news package for the class, but it's not her first time editing. This will be the first time Kotun's news package airs on NSU TV.

"I plan to start out in radio and gradually work my way up to sports broadcasting television," Kotun said. "And these skills will help me gain experience and knowledge."

Kyla Winey also takes the course, and she is one of new NSU TV news anchors. She auditioned and received this position earlier this spring.

"I am really excited to be working with the television crew," Winey said. "Everyone is very encouraging. Even when we make mistakes David Antilley is very kind and easy to talk to."

Winey previously worked with a weekly radio show in Lafayette called "Holla Back" when she was 16-years-old.

"I've never worked on televi-



*Photo by Jessica Blow*

Instructor David Antilley, NSU TV's executive producer and director, helps junior Victoria Hippler prepare for an upcoming NSU TV show.

sion before but working on the radio will help me as an anchor," Winey said.

Winey added that working

with radio allowed her to broaden her speaking skills and project her voice. She prepared for her anchor position by attending the

practices and keeping up with local and global news.

"I really want to make a career of being a news anchor then

ultimately having my own talk show," Winey said. "This experience will help."

Both Kotun and Winey will host a "Demon Life" segment.

Along with news and Demon Life, NSU TV airs athletic games, Lady of the Bracelet, SGA round-ups and other shows. In the past, news was just a 10 minute segment with readers or a student reading information behind a desk. The news has now advanced to a full 30-minute show with sports, weather and news packages.

Ora G. Williams is acknowledged as the pioneer for NSU TV. She was an English professor who broadcasted lectures over television to the classrooms and dorm areas. The television studio is named after her, and her picture can be seen on the walls of the television studio.

Students that are interested in getting involved with NSU TV can stop by Antilley's office in room 104A in Kyser Hall or audition for the news cast each semester.

Catch "Demon Life" Tuesdays and the news cast Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. on channel 22 for Sudden Link, 55 for CP Tel and Channel 8 in dorm areas. NSU TV can also be viewed on YouTube.

## Phi Mu hosts raffle for Children's Miracle Network

**Emily Frame**  
Sauce Reporter

**F**or just \$2 you can help support Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Phi Mu Fraternity will raffle three spirit baskets on Tuesday, March 19 in the Friedman Student Union. All raffle proceeds will benefit CMNH hospital, the fraternity's national philanthropy.

Phi Mu members will sell tickets on the Kyser Hall Brickway Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. They will also sell tickets in the Friedman Student Union on March 19 from 10 a.m. to noon. The tickets cost \$2 each, and raffle winners will be announced on March 19 at 12:15 p.m.

Winners will receive one of three themed baskets filled with beach, NSU or tailgating-themed items. Items include towels, gift cards, food and candy.

Jessica Viator, philanthropy committee head for Phi Mu, organized

the event.

"I think that this will be a big success and help us reach our \$5,000 goal for CMNH this semester," Viator said. "The alumnae have contributed by giving donations and buying tickets."

Each member of Phi Mu is responsible for selling at least 15 raffle tickets.

Ryan Owens, senior, supports Phi Mu and their philanthropy.

"The philanthropy is so close to my heart because I love children and I love what Children's Miracle Network does for them," Owens said.

"I feel that the raffle is not only a very simple way to raise money for CMNH, but most importantly it is an event that extends beyond Natchitoches as girls can go to their hometowns and spread the word about how important CMNH is to many communities throughout the

state," Sarah Durham, senior and Phi Mu alumna, said.

Besides hosting events to raise money for their national philanthropy, Phi Mu also makes biannual visits to St. Francis Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, the closest CMN hospital to the Kappa Iota Chapter.

"I love going to the hospital visits at St. Francis Cabrini because I get to see the children that we raise all this money for,"

Morgan Dailey, sophomore, said. "It's great that we can raise so much for such a great cause, and then to see the impact we've made is such a blessing."

The Kappa Iota chapter of Phi Mu raises more than \$10,000 each year for CMNH. Their other philanthropy events include sandwich sales, "Mudbugs for Miracles" crawfish sales and their annual "Vera Bradley Bingo."



*Photo by Emily Frame*

From left, Freshman Lauren Zachmann and sophomore Jessica Viator paint the rock in preparation for Phi Mu Fraternity's raffle for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

## The college student's quest for balance between work and play

**T**here certainly is merit in taking some time out of our hectic lives to enjoy time with friends or with our selves.



**Jacob Labutka**  
Style Columnist

It may seem obvious, but it can never be stressed enough that the most satisfying way to live one's life is through maintaining balance. Some times that's impossible when the work and drama of college life catches up to us.

However, if your collegiate life is spent solely at a desk or dealing with overdramatic personal problems, then I for one would reassess my course load or my peers, respectively.

There's nothing wrong with wanting a busy schedule. In fact, most are of the opinion that it

is better to be busy than bored (which I wholeheartedly agree with). However, it's not necessarily healthy or personally conducive to be busy with just one thing.

This brings a question to mind: Where do you draw the lines between being solely academic, a partier and balanced between the two?

Truth be told it's not the same for everyone. No one is going to spend the same amount of time doing calculus or writing a paper just like no one is going to do the same social activities. Schools

like NSU often have tips for the college student who wants to succeed. One that is common in many schools is that for every one credit hour a student should spend two hours outside of class studying and doing homework.

There may be a few students who adhere to that timeline, but most seem to laugh at the notion and dismiss it (I am no exception).

There may be some weeks where this amount of time is essential (i.e. writing term papers, conducting extensive research, studying for finals). However,

if you take 18 credit hours, for example, by this logic you're supposed to spend 54 hours per week reviewing and preparing class materials.

Personally, I think this is ludicrous. Yet, maybe there are people who need this much time (although I can't see how it's essential every week).

However, with the necessity of sleep such a time frame does not allow for much of a social life. It seems that with so much time devoted only to school work students' brains might become fried like a KFC Chicken sand-

wich (a sandwich comprised of two fried chicken patties instead of bread).

It may sound like I'm coming from a monastery in Tibet, but balance is the essence of tranquility.

Some may spend more time being social, and others may stick more to the books. Sometimes you can even be social and academic at the same time (i.e. productive but fun study groups).

At the end of the day do what feels right, be the best kind of productive, and always remember make the most of college.

# Graduate school, financial aid: Now can I panic?

A problem that I have stumbled upon in my search for post-graduation employ is the rising cost of the master's degree.

I say this generally, as I know some people are able to receive various fellowships and grants that lower the personal cost.

The thing that gets my goat is that a master's degree in English does not seem to have the same considerations for its students.

I have looked at a variety of considerably high-priced schools (ranging from \$17,000 to \$60,000 a year),

and I am beginning to panic about my options.

As much as I would love to attend graduate school, I do not think

there is anything I could do that would lower this cost. Obviously, I would work while studying for my master's, but even that is not set in stone.

Schools seem to make little to no guarantees about job placement once you are accepted.

These financial concerns are important for me, but normally they could be offset by the increased pay one would receive as a result of at-

taining a master's degree. Sadly, in the liberal arts or social sciences, the difference between a having a bachelor's and having a master's seems inconsequential.

I could always apply my studies to teaching at a university, but at that point I would want to consider obtaining a doctorate in lieu of a master's.

Despite the huge commitment it is to apply for a doctorate's program as an undergraduate, it is one of the only ways to be given grants by the school.

In some programs a student may earn a master's along with their doctorate degree.

Even if this was not very helpful to everyone, I am hoping there is another student out there that feels my anxiety about the future.

I know some people are set on working and others are focused on continuing their education, but whatever path you choose, the last few semesters at college seem to be frantic.

I just hope for our sake that graduate education in the humanities becomes more welcoming to us poor folks.

Hey, maybe one day the U.S. will have free public higher education!

Can you imagine getting a bill for just a few hundred dollars a semester?



Catherine Beverly  
Opinions Editor

## A girl's worst nightmare

I recently got a haircut from a local place on South Drive.

I live three and half hours away from my hometown where my usual hairstylist is located. I can't exactly drop everything and go get a haircut. I had to compromise.

I had gone to this salon before the Christmas Festival here in town. My hair came out rather nicely, and as a satisfied customer would do in a foreign land, I decided that this was the new place for me. Before this haircut, I hadn't gotten a haircut in at least a year.



Camille Mosley  
Freshman Scholar

You see, one summer about two years ago, I participated in a wedding as a bridesmaid and was not allowed to cut my hair. The next day after the wedding I made an appointment to get a summer haircut. I wouldn't say that it was a disaster, but it was definitely something.

Prior to my haircut, my hair's length grew to the top of my chest area. I cut my hair to about an inch underneath my ears. It was pretty short. After that, I was not allowed to cut my hair the way I wanted to because I like to get creative.

To my credit, though, I was tired of my heavy, thick and untamable mane.

Anyway, after that, I was not al-

lowed to really cut my hair, but trim it for maintenance every now and then. I remember going on vacation last year and freaking out because my hair was everywhere in the water and on my shoulders and I just had no clue what was happening.

Well, if one couldn't guess, one of my biggest fears is a bad haircut. My hair is my pride and joy and definitely a key symbol of identification, so when I walked out the salon this time, I just about cried. The hairdresser had cut my hair too short, in a weird jagged mess, while cutting my bangs way to short. They come to above my eyebrows.

It's a horror. My hair itself doesn't look too bad, but now I look like an eighties mad scientist gone wrong.

The only thing that can be done in this situation is to let my hair and bangs grow out and pray that no one notices, which has been pretty successful so far seeing as how only three people have actually noticed without me telling them.

The moral of this story is to stick with what you know, and don't mess up the status quo.



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'Jack the Giant Slayer': An Enjoyable Time Killer

**Rating:** ●●○○○

**Annie Desoto-Buras**

*Guest columnist*

Fairytale are making a comeback recently, specifically in the form of movies.

"Jack and the Beanstalk" is a children's tale that has been but the newly-released and modernized "Jack the Giant Slayer" is by no means only for kids.

With a new spin on the familiar story, good visual effects and an entertaining cast, this is a film that anyone can enjoy.

Jack (Nicholas Hoult) is a peasant lad with dreams of being one of the illustrious King's Guardians despite his lack of noble blood. Isabelle (Eleanor Tomlinson) is a princess who can trace her ancestry back to the legendary King Erik the Great, but is dissatisfied with her sheltered palace life.

Both grow up with a taste for adventure cultivated by the bedtime story their parents read to them about monstrous giants and the brave warriors who banished them to a kingdom in the sky.

As young adults adventure seems out of reach for both of them. Jack lives in poverty with an uncle who begrudges his dreamer's nature, while Isabelle's father King Brahmwell (Ian McShane) is forcing her into a marriage with his right-hand man Roderick (Stanley Tucci). With a turn of events

excitement and adventure have never seemed quite so far away from either of them. Isabelle decides to run away from the castle to live her own life while Jack fails to sell a horse, which prompts Jack's uncle to storm off with the intention of pawning some of Jack's late parents' belongings. When some beans (that were given to Jack from a monk) sprout unexpectedly and carry both Jack's cottage and the runaway princess, however, adventure seems to have found the two at last.

Along with the King's Guardians, led by Elmont (Ewan McGregor) Roderick and his toady, Jack reaches the land of the giants, where everyone except Jack is captured. While Elmont and Isabelle are slated to be eaten, Roderick becomes ruler of the giants and sets plans in place for an invasion of the land of men.

When Roderick is killed by Elmont, the giants decide to continue in their quest to invade and destroy the humans' world, and it becomes even more urgent that Jack and Isabelle warn King Brahmwell of the impending attack.

With giants on Jack's heels, a princess in his heart and adventure on his mind, will Jack be able to save the kingdom and find glory at last?

Well, it's a family movie so yeah, he will. How will it come about? You'll have to go see "Jack and the Beanstalk" to find out.

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## NSU softball off to best start in history

**Brittany Russ**  
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State softball team made history Sunday, blanking Louisiana Tech 6-0 and improving to a 17-3 overall record, the best mark after 20 games in program history. The Lady Demons snapped the 21-year record that was set in 1990 when NSU went 16-4 under the direction of head coach Rickey McCallister.

"We came out really strong today, and getting the win was the icing on the cake," said head coach Donald Pickett. "Breaking the record with 17 wins in 20 games is something to be proud of, both from a coaching aspect and for the players."

Senior Kylie Roos (5-0) threw a complete game striking out five and allowing just four hits as she faced 25 batters on the day.

The Lady Demons notched six RBI for six runs, including a solo home run by sophomore Brittany Virgoe, her third of the weekend and fourth of the season.

NSU put up four runs in the fourth to put the Lady Techsters at an arm's length as Brianna Rodriguez led off the inning with a double to left field. Freshman Natalie Landry followed suit and switched places with Rodriguez on a double to right center.

Cheyenne DelaGarza kept the RBIs going with a single to center field, sending Landry home.

Jordan Palmer walked and loaded up the bases for Shenequa Abby who reached first on a hard grounder



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Senior Kylie Roos pitches a strike against a Lady Techster batter. She threw a complete game and struck out five batters in NSU's win over La Tech.

up the third base line, causing third baseman Hailey Winter to commit an error and allowing two runs to score.

The Lady Demons got on the board in the second as Cassandra Barefield doubled to center field and sent Landry home.

DelaGarza led NSU as she went one-for-two and notched two RBI, followed by Landry going two-for-three with one RBI.

The win was a rematch of the previous day's game, which resulted in a 4-3 loss handed to the Lady Demons by Louisiana Tech. It was the

team's first loss after a 10 game win streak.

NSU defeated Alcorn State 10-3 earlier in the day to earn the 10th win.

"We had a really good day offensively, but overall we have some work to do," said head coach Donald

Pickett.

The Lady Demons notched 13 RBI on 22 hits throughout the day as Brianna Rodriguez homered twice while Brittany Virgoe, Natalie Landry, and Cassandra Barefield had one homer each.

NSU consistently picked up

single runs throughout the contest with La Tech, but a big fifth inning by the Lady Techsters left the Lady Demons down by one and unable to score in the seventh.

Kaylee Guidry (4-1) came in for Brooke Boening (5-2) in the second inning, allowing one hit and striking out one.

Against the Lady Tigers, NSU picked up runs in almost every inning, including homers by Virgoe and Landry in the sixth.

The Lady Demons put three on the board in the first with Rodriguez's first homer of the day as she picked up three RBI on the hit.

NSU picked up three more scores in the second and cooled down in the third for a scoreless inning.

Alcorn grabbed two runs in the fourth and another in the sixth, but the Lady Demons would not allow any more.

Baylor Gray (2-0) earned her second career victory as she threw six complete innings striking out seven and allowing six hits.

Paige Cavallini (1-0) threw the seventh and final inning, striking out one batter.

Rodriguez lead the Lady Demons from the plate with four hits and five RBI, followed by Virgoe with three hits and three RBI and Landry with four hits and two RBI.

The Lady Demons open Southland Conference play on the road before coming home to host a series with Nicholls State on March 16th and 17th.



Submitted photo

Jan Frederick Courillion explains the table manners throughout the etiquette dinner.

## NSU athletes take etiquette lessons

**Andrea Nedorostova**  
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern State Athletic department goes beyond and above in its dedication for NSU athletes.

Its focus is not merely on athletic results but also on academics, and most importantly, the athletic department cares for NSU athlete's future.

The athletic department takes steps that may help many NSU student-athlete graduates to succeed in their career paths by offering them internships and networking opportunities. The closest opportunity for student-athletes is the etiquette dinner that will be on Thursday, March 21 in Prather Coliseum. Athletes are expected to follow the business casual dress code.

The etiquette dinner is an annual

event offered to NSU student-athletes for the fourth consecutive year.

"The etiquette dinner offers a unique networking opportunity that many of our athletes normally would not have because most of them are not from the area," Carrie Crowell, the Head Academic Coordinator for student-athletes said. "When they need to start meeting people in the industry that they want to get into, or look for internships, they really do not know who to find and where to find them other than on Google."

At the etiquette dinner, our athletes learn how to interact with a business person over a meal because that is something they may have to do in the future, so we want to make sure they know how to properly do it."

The athletic department asks student-athletes in advance what kind of professional they would like to meet at the etiquette dinner. Based on responses, they try to invite people who work in these fields that athletes requested and they invite them.

Approximately 45 student-athletes can participate at the etiquette dinner because it depends on how many professionals accept the invitation. Invited are local business professionals typically from Natchitoches, Shreveport and Alexandria. Jan Frederick Courillion from Natchitoches community facilitates the etiquette dinner.

Athletes are required to sign up for the etiquette dinner in advance because spots are limited.

The etiquette dinner allows student-athletes to learn or refresh their table manners at a business lunch or dinner and they get a chance to network with people from the field of their career interest.

## Change creates positive vibe for baseball

**Bailee Cartwright**  
Sauce Reporter

Out with the old and in with the new is this year's baseball team strategy. The Demons' season will feature a new field, uniforms, and coaching staff. But the team's traditions and rituals that set them apart from the rest of the Southland Conference will remain.

The new NSU head baseball coach is Lane Burroughs, former Mississippi State assistant coach. Senior player Will Watson, a three-year starter, loves the new coaching staff and thinks the players are now coming together as a team.

"Our new coaches have really instilled a family atmosphere within us so we want to play as hard as we can for the person next to us," Watson said. "We are excited and ready to bring a championship back to NSU."

The recently renovated baseball complex now has turf replacing the dirt and grass in the infield of the previous field. The team of 20 newcomers and 10 returners also received new uniforms and apparel for this upcoming season.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Toby Cornejo tags the runner and throws for another out on the play.

Coach Burroughs, also Dugout Club coordinator, expressed his excitement about these improvements. A support group, the Dugout Club at NSU financially contributes to team facility advancements.

Even though this team and department have changed dramatically, some players still keep their same routines.

"I always like to get on the field early after getting a good stretch from one of the trainers and hit

fungo to my infielders to get a good sweat going before the pregame routines," red shirt junior Cameron Brewer said.

Senior player Todd Wallace said each team member has his own way mentally and physically to prepare for the game.

"I personally drink a monster

fungo to my infielders to get a good sweat going before the pregame routines," red shirt junior Cameron Brewer said.

None of the workers seemed in any rush to fix the problems until being informed by people on the Northwestern side. What if those errors hadn't been caught? The accident would never have been corrected.

Human non-competitors will always drag sports into subjectivity. When that subjectivity becomes blatant bias, things need to be changed.

People argue about controversial referee decisions. People cite conspiracies to keep a certain team from winning or to keep a certain team winning. Most of these people have little evidence.

They talk from sheer emotion. And some people will say this falls in the same category.

But the evidence shows that the supposedly unbiased workers of the Southland Conference in Nacogdoches, Texas that night were a little less than reputable. Touchdown Seahawks.

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## NSU finds referee problems at SFA

Alan West caught the ball and took a shot with less than four seconds left on the game clock. The game was lost before West even caught the ball, before the game clock ticked under four seconds.

The game was lost the moment the Demons stepped onto the court to face the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks.

Supposedly, West missed the game winning shot at the buzzer. West had no chance of winning the game with that shot.

That fact was decided well before he even tried.

In the first half of the game, a technical foul was called on coach Mike McConathy. McConathy took no sort of action warranting this call. In fact, coaches rarely take action warranting fouls called against them. A good indicator of a game's outcome takes place when a technical foul is called on a coach.

Technical fouls on coaches are

probably the most subjective calls a referee can make. If the coach ran onto the court and blocked a shot himself, a technical foul maybe called on the coach. But yelling at players is not a technical foul. Yelling is something every coach does for the entire duration of the game.

Without a raised voice, coaches cannot communicate.

Calling a technical foul on a coach for yelling is simply saying, "Your team is not supposed to win, so stop trying. Now we will let the other team take free shots to even things out."

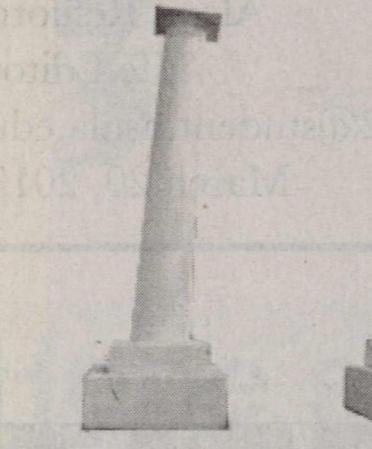
In the NBA playoff series between the Boston Celtics and the Miami Heat, in Miami, the referees called a technical foul on Celtics coach Doc Rivers. The rest of the game was entirely in Miami's favor.

Several calls were made against the Demons in their game with Stephen F. Austin. Perhaps it's just chance. The chance factor goes away with the other human bias also fighting against the Demons.

The Southland workers operating Stephen F. Austin's scoreboard also seemed to try getting away with several slights against the



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## New aerobics class to get students fit

*"Honestly, whether or not my physical appearance has changed, I feel better about myself than I did before,"*

-Bailey Boles

Damian Glover

Sauce Reporter

In the spirit of promoting healthy habits, the university is offering a new class this semester that's listed as HP 1660. It's also known as aerobics.

The instructor is currently Paula Furr. It will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 2 p.m.-3:15 pm.

The class is geared towards exercising major muscle groups such as deltoids, pectorals, biceps, triceps, gluteals, quadriceps and obliques, but in an interesting way.

It features low paced exercise that range from walking to dancing to up tempo songs that get the heart pumping and body moving.

Junior physical education major Jackson Arceneaux is happy that this course is offered and plans on taking it next semester.

"With the summer coming up and everyone wanting to get to their dream bod, this is a perfect opportunity to work on getting toned and built up for the beach," Arceneaux said.

HP 1660 is a two credit hour course that allows students to get fit while earning college credits that could be put towards their field of study.

Eighty percent of the class working out but does involve online assignments and also in class quizzes that are based on body groups that the class is working on at that particular time.

Freshmen elementary education major, Bailey Boles, feels the difference in her body and confidence level since she has joined the course.

"It's given me more motivation to work out in and outside of class," Boles said.

"Honestly, whether or not my physical appearance has changed, I feel better about myself than I did before," Boles said.

Furr built her class on encouraging students to become active. She plans on instructing follow up summer sessions and hopes for a bigger enrollment in the course for the fall.

Sophomore secondary English major Danielle Koster feels that the class has given her a positive outlook on her health.

"I have found a better way to stay fit and it's fun," Koster said.

"It's not boring like just walking around or cycling. I joined the class because I have tried many diets and they put me in the hospital my freshman year. Since I really wanted to lose weight the healthy way this I found out was the best way to do it," Koster said.

For more information on health classes with credit options contact the Registrar's Office at 357-6171.



Photo by Jimmie Walker

According to whitehouse.gov, Louisiana is predicted to lose approximately \$15.8 million in funding for primary and secondary education, putting many jobs at risk.

## Sequester to snip away at budgets

### Sequester may hit students where it hurts

Chas Willson  
Sauce Reporter

The sequester has been this ominous budget cut that will make a major impact on the nation, particularly students.

The \$86 billion sequester is the result of the federal government approving a series of spending cuts to further balance the nation's budget.

It was originally passed in the capital as part of the Budget Control Act in 2011 as way to motivate the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, a committee comprised of both parties to cut \$1.5 trillion

dollars from government spending.

The committee did not accomplish this goal so the sequester took effect as of March 1, 2013. The budget cut was split roughly around 50-50 between military defense spending and domestic spending.

On the domestic side, certain things stayed off the table and would not be affected by the sequester including:

Medicaid, Social Security, welfare, and food stamps. Many other low-income programs have been affected.

Government programs will be terminated but the budget cut has taken roughly 2.14 million government jobs nationwide and may make the job market very difficult to navigate for soon-to-be graduates. Higher education will

be facing additional cuts also.

For the 2013-2014 academic year, originating loan fees will rise in slight amounts. Work-study programs are in danger of disappearing.

Military branches have stopped accepting applications for tuition assistance to its active members for the month of March and are reviewing the budget for it. Pell grants are safe for this academic year but may be up for reductions for next year.

One of the largely notable cuts is to the Teacher Education Assistance Grants and the Higher Education Grant in which both will see a 12.6 percent cut.

Senior mass communication major Daniel Thiels said if there was less government interfer-

ence, America may not be facing budget cuts such as Sequester.

"I feel that the whole sequester ordeal currently taking place is a great example of the dangers of relying on the federal government to fund such a vast array of operations," Thiels said.

"Now that something has gone wrong in Washington, the entire country is facing across the board cuts. If we lessen the federal government's reach and give more control to the states, maybe we won't have to face these crises in the future. Maybe this is just a lesson that we as a country have to learn the hard way."

"Administration has been closely monitoring the situation in the Capitol," Greg Ross, NSU financial aid consultant, said. "Because they're

going back and changing everything, we're not sure how students will be affected. They are not telling us not to change anything in procedures. They're just telling us they are increasing the loan processing fee."

Since March 1, there have been over 100 amendments proposed by the Senate to help lessen the sting of the cut. Because of those amendments, it makes it very difficult to keep track of significant changes.

The sequester may not be the mega-apocalypse that wows expected back in February. President Obama has suggested the the 2013 sequester to be replaced with a package of tax increases and spending cuts.

## Allergy season leaps into the new year

Janell Parfait  
Sauce Reporter

While the calendar may say that it is still wintertime, spring has made an early arrival in Natchitoches. As flowers begin to blossom and life re-emerges around campus, a wave of allergens is not far from the horizon.

Allergy season occurs during the spring and fall when the weather shifts and new plants began blooming. The cooler, drier air in the fall means that pollen and other particles can be more easily dispersed without

any obstructions. According to pollen.com, the pollen during the fall allergy season usually comes from plants that bloom in the late summer such as ragweed and goldenrod. The spring allergy season, however, not only includes pollen, but also

Spring showers and warmer air usually increase the humidity level, which produces the perfect environment for mold," Stephanie Campbell, NSU Director of Health services, said.

Campbell said allergic reactions are caused when the immune system overreacts to a foreign body such as

pollen or dust. Histamine, an inflammatory chemical, is then released. Histamine causes the typical allergic reactions such as itchy, watery eyes and a runny nose as a response to the allergens.

Allergies do not discriminate and almost anyone is susceptible to having them. The Center for Disease Control reports that over 50 million Americans have some form of respiratory allergies and allergies are the sixth leading cause of chronic illness in the United States.

"From a large number of people who visit the clinic, the biggest complaint is upper-respiratory related,"

Campbell said. "These complaints usually include colds, sinusitis, hay fever, and bronchitis."

Campbell said allergies can be treated with an oral anti-histamine or an allergy shot if the case is severe. The strength and frequency of allergy shots, or immunotherapy, vary for each individual case since the serum can be customized.

She encourages students with allergies to avoid anything that may trigger a reaction. This may mean commuting instead of walking through a wooded area or wearing a mask outdoors. The indoor environment should be as dust-free as

possible and air-conditioner filters should be changed regularly. Mold can be eliminated with a 10 percent chlorine-bleach solution.

The services at NSU's health clinic are free for all students with student insurance.

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## Dorothy makes her way to Natchitoches

Alexis Reliford  
Life Editor

**D**orothy is no longer in Kansas as she and Toto make their way to Northwestern State next week.

With March 26 quickly approaching, NSU gears up for the annual letter-writing event, "Up 'til Dawn" hosted by the Student Activities Board.

Up 'til Dawn is a St. Jude collegiate fund raising program on more than 180 campuses across the country. The student-led and student-run program hosts smaller events throughout the school year leading up to the annual Up 'til Dawn event when the campus unites to write letters to friends and family asking them to donate to St. Jude on their behalf. The Up 'til Dawn program educates students, faculty and community on St. Jude while raising money.

According to executive director, senior Michael Stephenson more than 800 Northwestern State University students will join together to fight cancer and help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.

"By far, we have surpassed numbers from years past," Stephenson said. "I'm beyond excited to welcome so many people." From the event Stephenson hopes to raise \$100,000 for St. Jude.

Northwestern State has raised \$88,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital since it came to the campus in 2009 and ranks as one of the top programs in the region.

The theme for this year's event is "There's No Place Like St. Jude." Those attending can receive free food, win door prizes, take part in a grand prize drawing, participate in contests and enjoy live entertainment.

"I'm looking forward to helping raise money for a great cause and having fun with my teammates," sophomore Jocelyn Beaudion said.

Several fund raising events were held throughout the year including a bake sale and a brick sale. Students were able to purchase yellow bricks with their names on them to be displayed on the yellow brick road at Up 'til Dawn.

Keeping in touch with technology, the program committee also created a free smartphone app available to students featuring a schedule for the night, as well as event updates.

"It's bittersweet that I'm planning my last event," Stephenson said. "I'm so proud of my school and the dedicated students that unite for one night to help fight childhood cancer in a hope to find a cure."

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Cast members, from left, David Brumfield, Beau Wilson and Kwame Lilly rehearse for "West Side Story," premiering in A.A. Fredericks on March 20.

## Theater and dance department presents 'WEST SIDE STORY'

Jessica Blow  
Staff Writer

"When you're a Jet, you're a Jet all the way! from you first cigarette your last dyin' days!"

That line comes from the well known musical "West Side Story," making its debut at NSU on Wednesday March 20, at 7:30 p.m. in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

"West Side Story," a musical written in the 1950s retells the story of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Instead of a story about a war between families, it's a war between two gangs—The white Jets and The Puerto Rican Sharks. Tony and Maria are the star-crossed lovers in the musical belonging to opposite gangs.

Arthur Laurents originally wrote the musical, along with music by Leonard Bernstein. He is one of the oldest

and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

NSU's Department of Theatre and Dance collaborated to create a musical that casts 32 characters and a 26-member orchestra. Douglas Bakenhurst will conduct the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony.

Even though Laurents wrote "West Side Story," director Scott Burrell added his own twist.

"I'm not going to tell you what the twist is," Burrell said. "You have to come see the play."

Christian Dantes, a freshman theatre major, plays Action, who is one of the Jet gang's top members with Riff (the leader) and Diesel. Action is a ferret-like guy with limitless energy always eager for a fight. He is rash, quick to argue and ready to start trouble or jump in at the first sign.

He is one of the oldest

members of the gang and next in line after Riff.

Although the NSU Theatre Department has performed "West Side Story" before, Burrell said this is his first time directing the play.

"It's a challenging show because it allows so many artist to come together," Burrell said.

"That's the biggest reward working with so many great artists, both student and faculty."

Rehearsals began on January 20, were six days a week and lasted from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Dantes said rehearsals were sometimes long and required great amounts of work, especially in dance.

Dantes said he is not a dancer but thanks choreographer Pia Wyatt.

"She can make the worst of us look great, [laughs] and she does not let us leave until we get it," Dantes said.

According to Burrell

the rehearsals required times where some students would work on their acting while other would work on their singing or dancing.

"Many times we redid scenes over and over for hours until we found the right feeling for that scene," Dantes said.

After long nights of rehearsals, Burrell would leave singing a song from the musical.

"It requires stamina from our actors," Burrell said. "You have to be in shape physically and mentally." According to Burrell, time management is also a big part of the being in the musical.

Burrell wanted to draw in not only the students, but also the community.

"Everyone knows 'West Side Story,'" he said. "It's an iconic piece of American music and theatre."

The musical allows students to show off their

dancing skills, something Burrell wanted his senior students to have a chance to do.

Although a freshman, Dantes is very thankful for this opportunity and the patience of each of the directors. He said he knows the musical will be great for all the hard work and time they have put into it. He hopes many people will come and bring friends.

"It is the perfect show for our age group with fighting and action plus love with a great lesson to be learned," Dantes said.

"All of their unique creativity they bring to their work and putting it all together is the best part," Burrell said. "We can't do work by ourselves. Like they saying goes, 'The whole is greater than the sum of its parts'. It's greater together."



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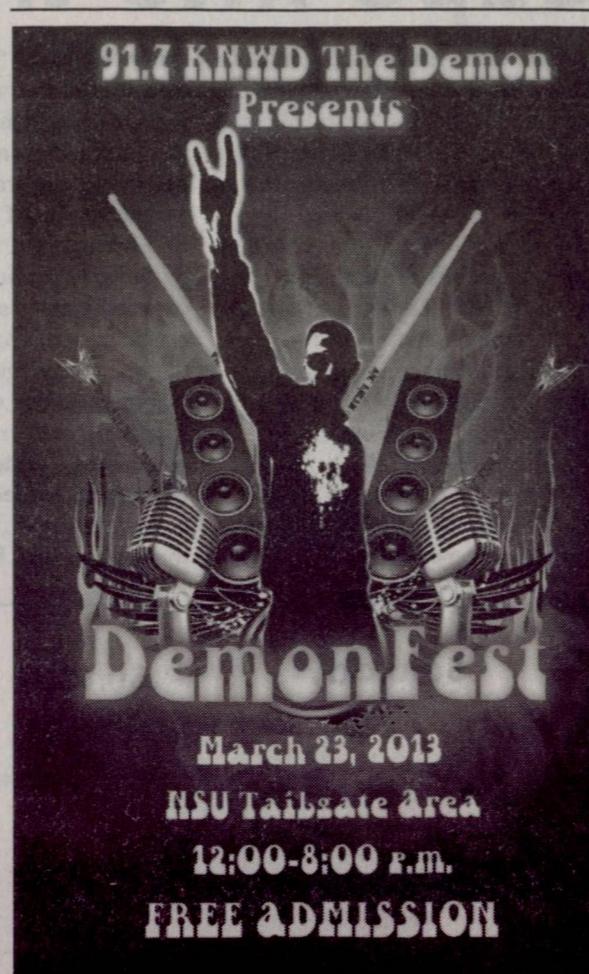
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**Hope springs eternal but the season is brief**

**S**o begins the brief period when stepping outside is a pleasurable experience. The first day of spring marks the time when it should no longer be cold and dreary.

However, a cold and dreary winter in the south means a few cold days and many other mild, warm days. Despite that, spring is not only a time of a delightful



of vitality. How else could Disney happily

portray Julie Andrews running through the beautiful grassy fields of the Alps?

The most important part of spring is the opportunity it gives for outdoor exploration. What better way to celebrate a new, delightful



*Photo by Jacob Labutka*

Spring will soon help the grass to grow greener and the trees to make leaves at parks like Belle Isle in Detroit, Michigan.

season than with an outdoor picnic? There is plenty of green space along the Cane River Lake right across from campus or along Front Street to have a traditional picnic basket gathering.

there really is no better way to get exercise than walking through a nature trail. Kisatchie National Forest has plenty of trails and is only a 30-60 minute drive from campus (depending on how deep into the forest you wish to go).

There are also plenty of campgrounds in Kisatchie for groups of friends to bond over roasted marshmallows and tent setup. Spring would be the best time to engage in such a feat (before mosquitoes revel in the summer).

humidity and take turns drinking from campers).

I must confess that I do not see myself going camping. However, some of us take advantage of spring by sleeping in the outdoors and others sleep in a Marriot Hotel and

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Meetings are every **Monday at 4:00 p.m.** We hope to hear from you!

### *- Current Sauce staff*



Gary Hardamon  
Senior Shamir Davis cuts a piece of the net after the Demons' win over SFA.

## Dynamite: Let's dance, Demons

**S**till high on the Southland Conference tournament win and hearing their team's named the 14<sup>th</sup> seed in the NCAA basketball tournament, the Demons will have to refocus to get job done Friday night against fourth-seeded Florida in Austin, Texas.

The "experts" have already counted the Demons out of this one, but like many who live outside of Jimmie Walker Cajun Country, *Editor-in-Chief* they all seem to have forgotten that Cinderella wears purple.

Of course the game will be extremely tough for the Demons, and their chances of winning are significantly lower than the Gators. But people have to remember that a chance is all a team needs in March. To increase that chance of winning, NSU must do a few things.

The team needs to settle down. Winning a conference tournament was great and being on the national stage is better, but not stopping to appreciate the things that helped them get their will be an easy ticket back to Natchitoches. So keeping their emotions under control from this point on is the first thing they need to do.

Florida is going to come and make a statement, so expect them to make a mistake by looking past NSU. The Gators lost its conference championship game against Ole Miss, so assume Florida is coming to prove a point.

With that in mind, the Demons must play transition defense, or just play defense in general. Easy buckets will knock them out fast.

Defense hasn't been their best asset this year. Sure, they force turnovers, but that because teams play too frantic against the Demons. They lack mental composure when pressure is in their face, and they have a hard time getting up court when NSU runs a press. That won't happen against the Gators. NSU will still try to press because they want to make Florida's guards uncomfortable, but don't expect them to be rattled because someone's in their face.

What NSU needs to do is make the Gators take shots they wouldn't normally take. Play the ball and the man so players won't backdoor you. Florida knows the Demons can score. In fact, the entire country knows it, as NSU leads the nation in scoring with 81.0 ppg. An off-shooting night is never out of the question in basketball, but there is more than one way to skin a cat.

NSU will have to fine other ways to score besides shooting jump shots. Taking advantage of easy scoring opportunities will be the last key to victory for the Demons.

## Walker gets his groove back

Tiandra Williams  
Sauce Reporter

**H**e broke records. He turned heads.

He became a legend at Northwestern State University. And he did it all in 10.13 seconds. Who is he?

Justin "Scooter" Walker is NSU's 2010 freshman track phenomenon. Now, he is trying to break his own record.

A California native and now Slidell resident, Walker chose NSU while a senior at Slidell High School. Despite breaking his foot that year, he still received many scholarships offers. But, for him, NSU was the best option.

Walker holds the NSU record for sprints: the 100m (10.13) and the 200m (20.49) won during his freshman year. His other awards earned were the 2010 Louisiana and 2010 Southland Conference Male Athlete of the Year. He wants to go out and beat these times not only for a new school record, but he has other dreams for track away from NSU.

"I would love to be a member of the 2016 Olympic Track and Field Team," Walker said. Surprisingly, his first love and ideal career choice as a child was not track, but football. However, after being told he was too small, he chose track.

As a natural athlete, Walker ran track and played football and basketball in high school. He received multiple honors: three years as track MVP, state champion in the 100 and 200m, All-State in special teams' football and member on the Louisiana All-Star football team.

His sports role model was NBA superstar Michael Jordan.

"He was the best at what he did and worked hard to get there," Walker said.

said.

He also credits his mother, Marquette Defillo, for his successes.

"She is one of the few people to support me in everything I did," Walker said. "She gives great insight and support when times are tough for me."

Despite breaking NSU track records his freshmen year, he failed to beat his personal best his sophomore year. Nonetheless, he continued to be a top performer in the Southland Conference (SLC), placing second in the 100m and 200m during the 2011 SLC championships.

A knee surgery prevented Walker from competing during the 2011-2012 track season, so he replaced track with art as a hobby while continuing to prepare himself physically for his next season.

"It was hard to watch everyone else practice and compete," Walker said. "This season I am expecting to just get back into the flow of competition. Mentally, I am focused and trying to tune out outside opinion. Physically, I am trying to work on the weak aspects of my craft, so I can become a faster and more consistent runner."

Walker placed second in the 60m and sixth in the 200m during this year's SLC Indoor Championship. Walker said he is excited to start the outdoor season, which is his favorite part of track.

As outdoor the season begins, he quotes singer Bob Marley: "You never know how strong you are, until being strong is your only choice." This quote inspires him, but he encourages everyone to seek inner strength.

"Push through hard times and set obtainable goals for yourself," Walker said. "Trust in your abilities and release yourself of unnecessary pressure."



photo by Gary Hardamon/NSU photo

Justin Walker sprints to the finish line in a 100m race during a home track meet.

## Cornerstones of NSU athletics motivate student-athletes

Andrea Nedostova  
Staff Reporter

**"A**cademic Achievement, Personal Responsibility, Competitive Success... Every Minute, Every Hour, Every Day!"

These are the three cornerstones for NSU student-athletes created by the director of athletics, Greg Burke. Many people could think that winning games and matches is the most important factor for the athletic faculty; however, academic results are what matter the most.

The NSU Athletic Department takes many steps to ensure that its athletes make good grades. There are roughly 400 student-athletes at NSU, and the overall athletics GPA is 2.85. NSU graduates approximately three out of every four athletes.

The athletic department organizes the annual NSU Athletic Banquet to reward the most successful student-athletes in their academics. Only those athletes who make the honor roll are allowed to attend the banquet of the following year. This fact motivates many students who want to attend the banquet. At the banquet, student-athletes from each classification male and female with the best GPA receive awards called: Freshman of the Year, Sophomore of the Year and Junior of the Year.

"Many times when students



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Softball player Bailee Cartwright receives the Female Freshman of the Year Award.

make 4.0 and win the award they are surprised because they forget that we give these awards," Carrie Crowell, Head Academic Coordinator for student-athletes said. "However, students usually keep in mind the academic banquet, and for some of them it is a goal to attend it, so it motivates them to make good grades. We offer the academic banquet every fall typically around September and we

do that at the Landing Restaurant in downtown Natchitoches, and the dinner is very graciously donated by the Landing."

The athletic department does not only reward male and female student-athletes with the highest GPA from each classification, but the "Trailblazer Award" is given to a student who has changed their life academically.

"We like to honor them because a lot of the times, they don't get the recognition they deserve for their hard work they put in because their hard work does not equal someone else's hard work as far as grades are concerned," Crowell said.

Another great motivation for student-athletes is a "Demon Cup," which is a year-long competition among all the athletic teams at NSU.

that includes more than just good GPA. The "Demon Cup" is a good team spirit builder because the only way to be successful in it is to work as a team.

"Demon Cup" is something that we have started this year," Crowell said. "In previous years we had a competition called the 'Demon Academic Challenge' that only looked at the things academic-related like GPA, and turning in advising sheets on time. We decided to branch out and change the rules a little bit because we had a certain team that continued to win. We also wanted to make sure that we are incorporating some of the other things that are important about being student-athlete such as getting involved in the community and teams cheering for each other."

NSU's Athletic Department has also developed an academic program run by Kelee Grimes, Assistant Academic Coordinator for NSU athletics. The program closely monitors academic results of certain student-athletes who struggle. These students meet with Kelee every week to go over their classes and make sure that they are on track to be successful.

"This is just a small percentage of our student-athletes though,"

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Alumna on MTV program

Courtesy of News Bureau

**N**orthwestern State University alumna Deven MacNair is appearing on MTV's "Made". MacNair, a 1996 graduate in theatre, served as coach for an episode "MADE: Stunt Woman," which is on air now.

MADE is a self-improvement reality television series. The series has followed teens who have a goal and want to be "made" into things like singers, athletes, dancers and skateboarders. The show is expanding to give opportunities to people in their early 20s who are looking for a career.

"The taping took over eight weeks," said MacNair, a native of Ventura, Calif., who came to Northwestern State on a softball scholarship. "I worked with a woman who recently graduated from college. She went from someone with no stunt experience or relative skills to someone who could go on a stunt audition in a matter of weeks. I was glad I did it. I enjoyed getting to pass along some of the knowledge I have gained."

MacNair has more than a dozen credits over the past five years. She has been a stunt performer for films including 12 Rounds, The Green Lantern and Jonah Hex along with the TV series Treme and Common Law.

MacNair has been a professional wrestler under the name Fire and has worked with the USO entertaining military personnel. Her next stunt role is in the upcoming Woody Harrelson film Now You See Me.

At Northwestern State, MacNair was a four-year letter winner on the softball team and was looking for a way to continue using her skills as an athlete.

"As my graduation present, my parents paid for me to go to a sword workshop in Las Vegas," said MacNair. "I then went to Los Angeles and after many dead ends bought a ticket to Universal Studios since I knew they had stunt shows there."

After the show, I went to talk to the stunt performers and asked them how to get started. I met the director who said he was casting for a Universal Studios show in Japan and they were looking for six-foot blondes.

I auditioned and got the part of Brunhilda the Viking Queen. I spent two years in Japan honing my craft and then came back to the U.S."

MacNair says the chance to work on MADE should help her as she moves to the next stage in her career.

"I've been able to work steadily, but I hope to be able to move to the next level as a stunt coordinator," said MacNair. "That is where the longevity is."

The episode of MADE should be available online at [mtv.com](http://mtv.com) soon after its initial airdate.

### SGA Online Election

Online elections end today at 4 pm.

[sgaelections@nsula.edu](mailto:sgaelections@nsula.edu)



The recipient of the one-year award must maintain a 3.0 grade point average. The award was created in the honor of the late mentor Dorothy Prestridge.

Photo by Randy L. Lewis

## Scholarship benefits nursing students 'A donor reaches out to nursing students in honor of late wife'

Courtesy of News Bureau

A scholarship to benefit a freshman nursing student has been established at Northwestern State University to honor the memory of Dorothy Prestridge Turner, who was a mentor to many young nursing students during her long career.

Robert Leonard Turner Jr. of Shreveport established the nursing scholarship in memory of his late wife with preference given to a student from Buckeye High School, then open to any student from central Louisiana. The recipient of the one-year award must maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

Mrs. Turner, 72, passed away Feb. 21 at Overton Brooks V.A. Medical Center after a lengthy illness. From 1961-64, Turner attended the Mather School of Nursing in New Orleans where she earned a baccalaureate degree before she joined the Air Force and was stationed in San Antonio.

Turner served on active duty with the Air Force for two years before becoming a reservist and working as a flight nurse out of Barksdale Air Force Base. During that time,

she earned her bachelor's (1969) and master's (1975) degrees in nursing at Northwestern State's Shreveport nursing campus. Later, during the 26 years she served as Overton Brooks V.A. Medical Center, she also completed nurse practitioner requirements through the V.A.

Robert Turner said offering the scholarship to a first year student was important to his late wife because the first year "can be a make or break year." Turner's sister, Inez Brown, agreed.

"During her first year of school, she had a hard time, being away from home," Brown said. "She believed the first year was a critical year for a student and if they got a good start they would stay with it." Brown described her sister as a dedicated nurse and a strong-willed person, which

helped her overcome obstacles.

"Many of those who worked with her in ICU at the V.A. and those she helped train came to us during her illness and said how much she helped them, in her teaching, in her deportment and in the compassion she had for patients," Brown said. "She had taken many of those young ones under her wing. We heard so many things about her. She helped a lot of people along the way. She was a very giving person."

For more information on contributing to the Dorothy Prestridge Turner Scholarship, contact the Northwestern State University Foundation at (318) 357-4414.

For information on NSU's College of Nursing and Allied Health visit [nursing.nsula.edu](http://nursing.nsula.edu).

## NSU Health director urges students to get tested

Janell Parfait  
Sauce Reporter

Over 79 million Americans, especially teenagers and young adults, are carrying a strain of the human papilloma virus, or HPV. With nearly invisible symptoms, many will either live out the rest of their lives unaware that they are carrying a potentially lethal virus or possibly die from related complications.

"We have to realize the reality and educate ourselves," Stephanie Campbell, director of NSU's health services said. Campbell believes that because HPV is a recently discovered virus, not many people are aware of its potential, let alone its existence.

According to the Center for Disease Control, there are over 100 types of HPV. Some strains can infect the mouth or throat, while others can infect the genital area. Unlike HIV, which is passed through blood and other bodily fluids, HPV is spread through close skin contact. While HPV in women may develop into cervical, uterine or other vaginal cancers, men are not exempt from any potential health risks. Men with HPV could still get genital warts much the same as women, Campbell said. Cancers related to the genitals also exist in HPV carriers of both sexes.

Since 2006, there has been a vaccine to prevent contracting HPV, according to the CDC. Gardasil is a series of three shots available for both men and women between the ages of nine and 26. The CDC recommends that Gardasil be administered before a teenager or young adult becomes sexually active. Campbell believes that because the vaccine can be given to children as young as 9, education should start from the pediatricians.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, Texas became the first state to mandate the Gardasil vaccine for all girls entering sixth grade on Feb. 2007. Since then, 41 states and Washington D.C. have introduced bills to mandate the vaccine. As for Louisiana, a bill proposing that insurance companies provide coverage for HPV vaccinations is currently in committee.

For the uninsured, taking an HPV shot at a gynecologist could cost up to \$300, Campbell said. However, NSU's health clinic provides the vaccine free for students covered under student insurance. "We will certainly work with students on Gardasil vaccines," Campbell said.

Other preventative methods, such as wearing a condom, limiting the number of sexual partners and getting regular Pap tests for women can help decrease the chances of contracting HPV, but taking the vaccine before becoming sexually active is the most effective way to prevent HPV infections.

Services at NSU's health clinic are free to students with student insurance. It is open Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Fridays, 7:30 a.m.-noon. It is located at 315 Caspary St., next to university police. The number for the front desk is 318-357-5351.

## Students set to register classes for next semester

Courtesy of News Bureau

Early registration for the summer and fall 2013 semesters has begun at Northwestern State University.

Students can sign up for the 12-week summer session through May 19. Registration for the first eight-week summer session and the first four-week session is available until June 2 and through June 30 for the second four-week session.

Fall registration is available through Sept. 4. Students can begin registering based on their classification through Friday, April 12. Open registration for the summer and fall semesters begins Saturday, April 13.

Northwestern State students enter their courses and select the times for them on their own through NSUConnect, which is available through the university's homepage at [nsula.edu](http://nsula.edu). NSUConnect is available daily from 5 a.m. to 11:55 p.m. CDT.

"Early registration is essential for students—especially for those who need upper level courses," said Dr. Lisa Abney, provost and vice president for academic and student affairs. "If students wait to register for a class, it may be cancelled for low enrollment during the summer, so it's important that students get enrolled before they leave for the summer."

Students who register between April 8 and May 19 will be eligible to win a weekly drawing for a \$25 gift card. Seven winners will be selected from among those students who have registered for the summer or fall semester.

For more information on summer and fall registration at Northwestern State, go to [registrar.nsula.edu/](http://registrar.nsula.edu/)



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### Student Messenger Update

Please check student e-mails for updates on registration and overrides

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# LIFE

## Director, producers of "Beasts of the Southern Wild" to speak at Northwestern

News Bureau

The director and producers of the Academy Award-nominated film "Beasts of the Southern Wild" will present a screening at Northwestern State University Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Friedman Student Union Ballroom. Admission is free and open to the public, but seating in the ballroom is limited.

Director Benh Zeitlin and producers, Josh Penn and Dan Janvey, will present the film and answer questions after the screening. "Beasts of the Southern Wild" is set in a forgotten but defiant bayou community cut off from the rest of the world by a sprawling levee. In the film, a six-year-old girl (Quvenzhanne Wallis) exists on the brink of becoming an orphan. Buoyed by her childish optimism and extraordinary imagination, she believes that the natural world is in balance with the universe until a fierce storm changes her reality. Desperate to repair the structure of her world in order to save her ailing father and sinking home, this tiny hero must learn to survive.

unstoppable catastrophes of epic proportions.

The film was nominated for four Academy Awards including Best Picture and Best Adapted Screenplay. Zeitlin was nominated for Best Director and Wallis received a Best Actress nomination.

A native of New York City, Zeitlin was raised in Sunnyside, Queens and then Westchester County. Zeitlin began his career as a filmmaker at 6 when he and a friend made a Batman movie. He continued making films as a child before attending Wesleyan University where he majored in film. After graduation, Zeitlin spent a summer in Prague working with a prominent animation artist. Returning to the U.S., he worked in a private school in Manhattan helping elementary students create short films. Zeitlin won the 2012 Smithsonian American Ingenuity Award for the Visual Arts.

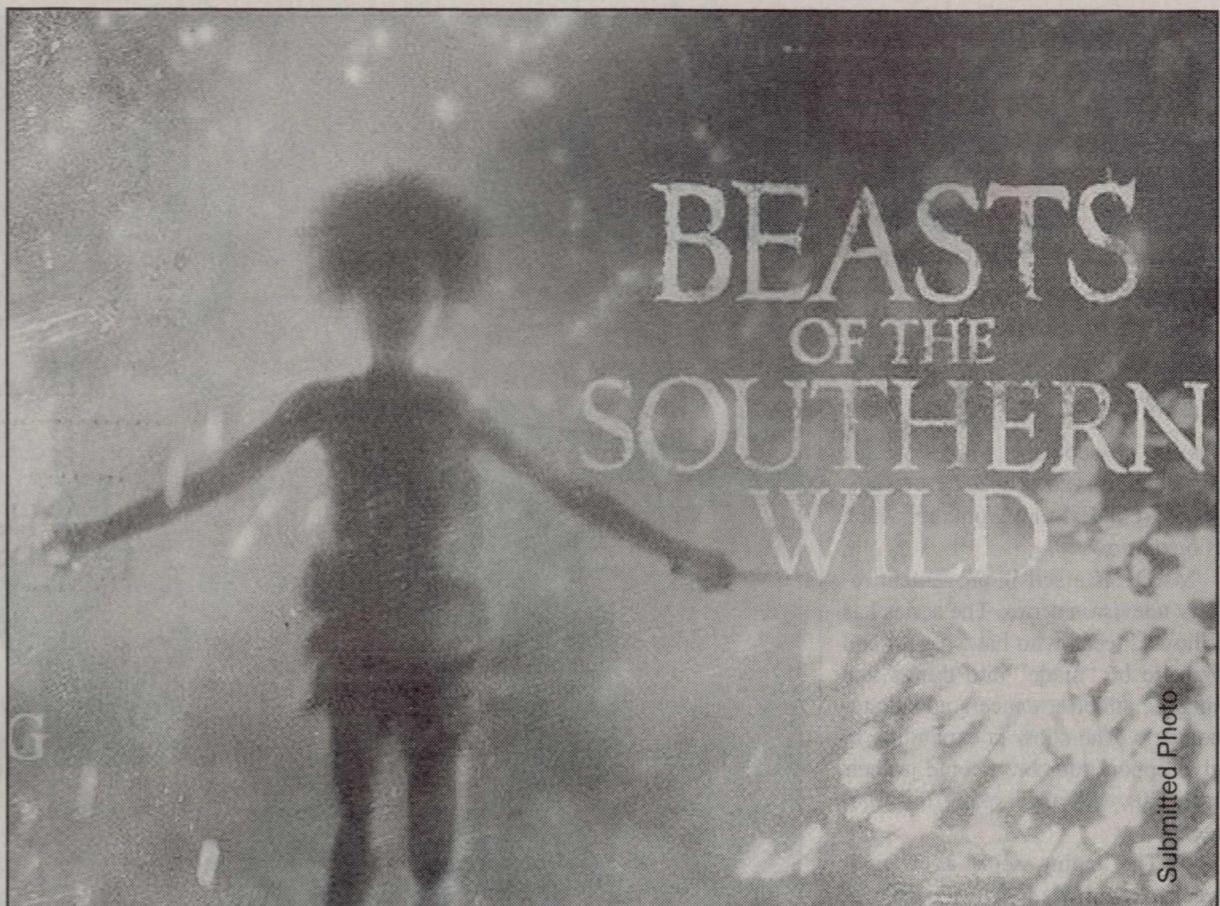
"Beasts of the Southern Wild" was the first feature film produced by Penn and Janvey.

In 2009, Penn was selected to take part in Sundance's Creative Producing Initiative and in 2011

he was selected to take part in the Cannes Producers Workshop. Penn produced the short film "Glory at Sea" which won 15 film festival awards including SXSW and the Woodstock Film Festival. In addition to films, Penn has produced a number of music videos including MGMT's "Time to Pretend" and "Electric Feel." He is currently producing two documentaries in post: the Ross Brothers' "Tchoupitoulas" and Sara Dosa's "Roots and Webs," as well as developing two fiction films: Mark Elijah Rosenberg's "Ad Inexplorata" and Ray Tintori's "Untitled Adventure Serial."

Janvey has produced numerous award winning short films, including Ray Tintori's "Death to the Tinman" and "Glory at Sea." Both movies were made with the film-making collective Court 13. Janvey participated in the Sundance Institute Creative Producing Initiative as a Mark Silverman Fellow.

The screening is sponsored by the Northwestern State Department of Language and Communication and is funded through a grant from the Louisiana Board of Regents.



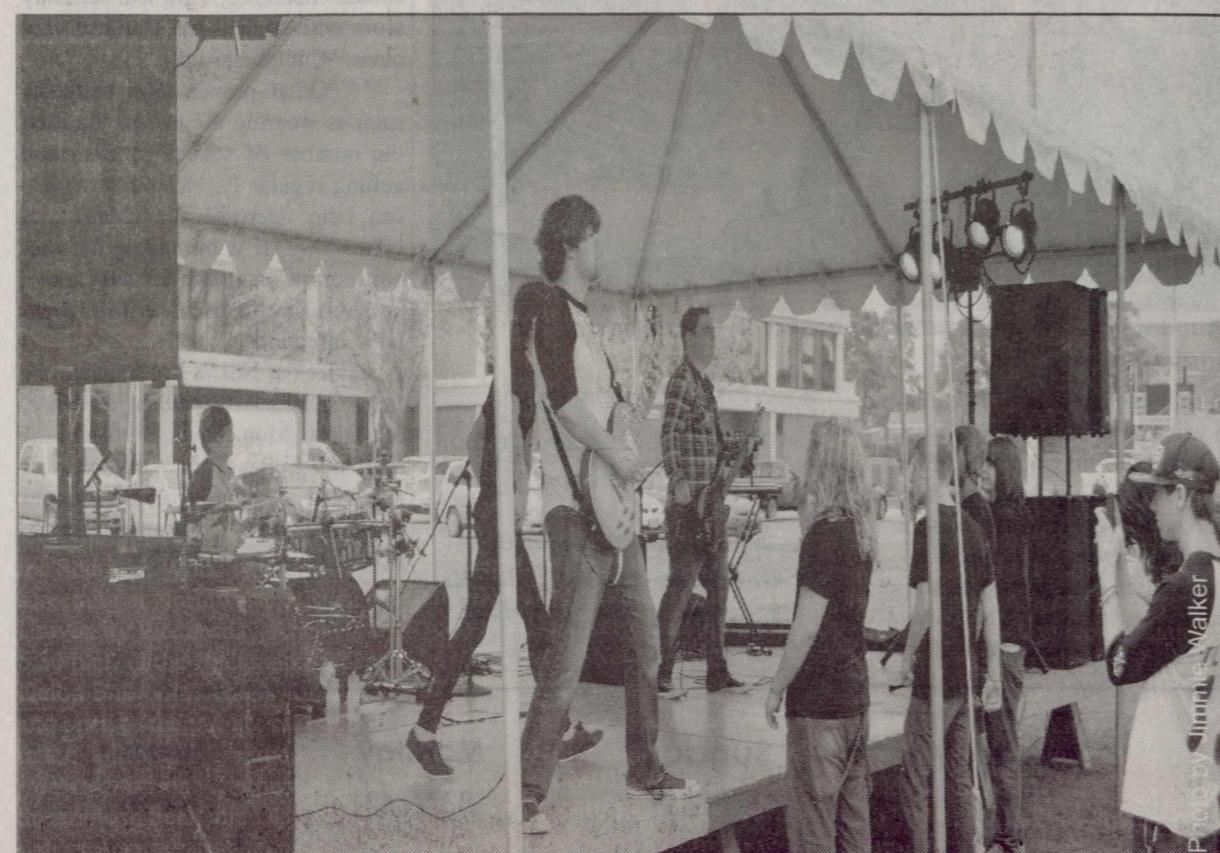
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"Beasts of the Southern Wild" will present a screening at NSU Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. Shown above is a promotional photo for the Academy Award-nominated film.



Terror at the Tea Party performs one of their hits for the crowd at KNWD's Demon Fest. Demon Fest was a free event held on March 23 at the NSU Tailgating Field. True to Louisiana's wide variety of music, the genres of the bands range from jazz-fusion to alternative rock and metal. Demon Fest began with a pre-show at 11:30 a.m. featuring top hits from KNWD's popular radio show "Gamer Tracks." Bands began at noon and ended after the headliner, Shreveport's own Super Water Sympathy performed at 7:30 p.m. Northwestern student organizations also participated by selling food and providing other activities such as picture opportunities and games.

## Demon Fest rocks the crowd



A guitarist from the band Terror at the Tea Party strums his guitar as festival goers sway to the music and take pictures.



Tajh Derosier and the Hybrid Groove serenades the crowd with smooth jazz sounds during KNWD's Demon Fest.

## Walking, lifting and tree posing: thoughts on exercise

It's 8 o'clock in the morning and you awake to find that you are entirely twisted amongst your blankets in comfortable ecstasy.

Unfortunately, you have been pressing snooze for the last half hour and if you delay any more you will miss your exam and won't get that paper turned in.

This is a predicament that college students know of far too well. If we don't want to get up for class, then why would we arise for anything



Jacob Labutka

else. However, I do suggest something for your consideration: going to the gym.

To be sure, many people frequent the WRAC as soon as it opens at 5 in the morning every weekday. Others like their sleep and choose to build their muscles when the sun has been up for at least a few hours.

And others either find other mediums of exercise like walking briskly to class or find themselves too busy to head to the

gym (or are constantly browsing around the internet).

To that I say, I understand. I have no judgments nor any ulterior motives to market protein powder that sells at eighty dollars a canister. Sometimes we are too busy or distracted to think about starting a regular exercise routine.

Yet, sometimes we feel as if our arm muscles should be more firm or wish for a sea of endorphins to flow through our insides.

These things can happen with regular gym visits. Not to say it works the same for everyone, but at

the end of the day you do feel better after a good workout (sometimes after the first half hour of wishing your pain away of course).

Another reason to go to the WRAC: you're technically paying for it. It operates from student fees and is open so you can either go at 5 in the morning or 7 at night.

The exception to this is odd weekend times that I've never quite understood, but weekends are typically more flexible for students (unless your life happens to be a constant busy mess).

If you absolutely cannot make

it to the gym, then take a stroll through town. Walks are typically only effective if you engage in them for a lengthy period of time, but with a group of friends and scenic pathways they definitely become more enjoyable.

Also, I've never tried yoga (with the exception of the tree pose), but that may also prove to be a viable exercise option for you.

Overall, the ability to engage in regular patterns of physical fitness is a matter of one's schedule and priorities.

If all else fails, summer proves to

be an excellent time to start a new routine (workout or otherwise).

Summer is also a great time to see ridiculously chiseled abs on the torsos of beach going men, which is often the result of hours of exercise most days of the week and strict dieting. If that is you, then congratulations because you deserve those sculpted abs.

For the rest of us who seek a similar yet not as stringent path, in the words of one of YouTube's greatest sensations, "Ain't nobody got time for that."

## A bad case of puppy love: unconditional and suffocating

Last year, around Christmas time, my family received one of the greatest presents a family could get. No, not the lottery, but rather a puppy.

His name is Grip and he is a miniature rat terrier. He is feisty

as all get out and incredibly intelligent.

Grip has the learning capacity of a two-year-old child, which may not seem as such a good thing, but he

knows words and phrases and can tell the difference between every member of our household. Grip is considered merle, which means he comes in all the colors—brown, white, and black.

We got Grip when he was four weeks old and the normal time to get a puppy is between six and eight weeks. Grip was already small, but he was also the runt of the litter.

Grip has definitely changed our household with his giant ears and witty looks, but he does have his devious moments. Grip used to "rage poop," as I call it, when he was still little. We would pick him up, he would fall asleep, then we would put him in his box to sleep.

He slept in the room with my sister and me, so we would wake up to the sound of crying and the smell of poop. As we would peep into his little box, we saw that he not only pooped everywhere, but he had walked in it. Needless to say, at one year and five months, he does not like to take baths.

Grip is now over a year old and

completely trained. I forgot what it was like to be around a puppy until I visited my dad who lives in Texas this spring break. I knew that he had two cats and two dogs who were smaller, but older, but I was not prepared for Jack.

Jack is a Jack Russell terrier who is 15 weeks old. He is white and weighs 11 pounds. The only way to describe him is an adorable turd. As soon as I walked into the house, this little guy immediately jumps up to me and bites my hair.

The next thing I know, I am on my knees being smothered by dogs. My dad's two other dogs (a female Shi-Tzu and a male toy poodle) are all on me, biting at my hair, pulling at my necklace, barking, and snapping at my face. I could not deal.

As the days wore on, the animals just got stranger. The toy poodle Bo-Bo, or Bandit, is addicted to being touched. He wants to be petted, rubbed, even putting a hand on him would suffice. He is the sweetest, most peculiar dog I've come across.

Chi-Chi, or China Doll, is the only female and the alpha out of everyone. She is a shitzu, as before mentioned, and a total jerk. She has this tendency of getting extremely jealous and then biting at everyone's faces.

All of these little creatures were a little hard to handle, but I enjoyed every single moment with them. I have decided, though, that after dealing with puppies and almost being smothered by them on multiple occasions, I will get a rescue dog and not have to deal with rage-pooping pups!

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- Current Sauce staff

## 'The Great and Powerful Oz' 'Oz' was not as great as the hype let on

### Rating: ●○○○○

Annie Desoto-Buras  
Guest columnist

If there is any unqualified praise that one could give *Oz the Great and Powerful* it would be that it is quite pretty.

This film is very aesthetically pleasing, even if it has little else going for it. The opening credit sequence is very good and fun to watch, composed as it is of optical trickery and fascinating movement with a lovely puppet-show appearance.

The Kansas setting of the film is nothing much to look at since it's shot in black and white, though it is appealing enough. Oz's world of lush colors and rich textures, however, at times has the same

appearance of Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland* (2010).

Watching in 3D makes the viewing even better visually, but as far as enhancing the total experience of the film you might not really want to spring for the special glasses.

The characters of this film do generally leave something to be desired, unfortunately, especially the main characters.

Oz himself (played by James Franco) starts out the film as a shifty con man who is pretty untrustworthy, and frankly he doesn't develop much throughout the rest of the film.

He never really connects on an emotional level, and it's only at the very end that one starts to believe he might actually be a good person

who isn't acting out of purely self-serving motivations.

Glinda (Michelle Williams) has the untouchable quality that most essentially flawless characters do, which means that she doesn't really elicit any strong emotions in the viewer either.

Theodora (Mila Kunis) does have a relatable and understandable development, so she does invoke pity and emotion in watchers. Her delivery, however, is unfortunately lacking.

There is not much depth in the portrayal, and it sometimes seems that the actress is stuck in her *That 70s Show* mindset when trying to navigate dramatic scenes, at times alternatively cardboard or overblown.

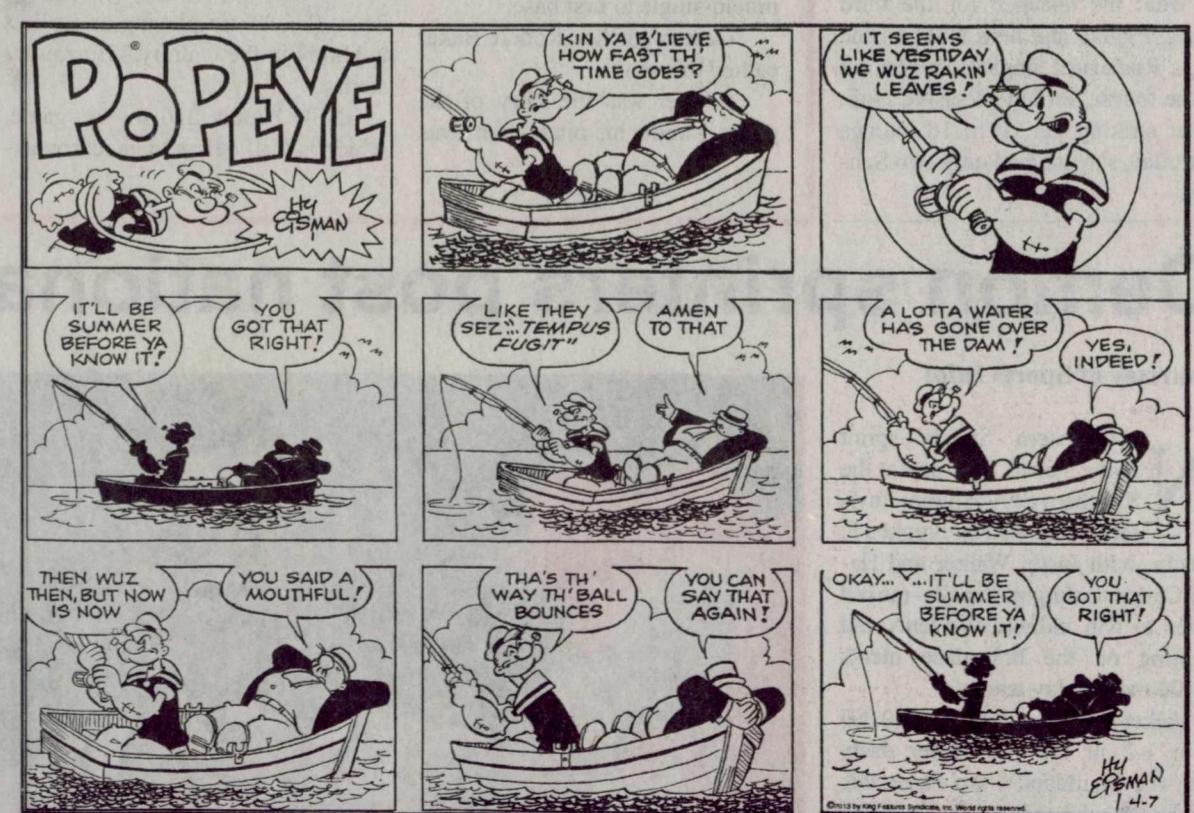
It's the supporting characters that really make this movie worth it. Evanora (Rachel Weisz) is fittingly alluring and frightening as a wicked witch.

Finley (Zach Braff) is an adorable flying monkey who serves as Oz's sidekick throughout his adventures in Oz and is one of the favorite characters of the film.

Knuck (Tony Cox) and the Master Tinker (Bill Cobbs) are a couple of Oz's conspirators whose respective attitude and wisdom make them joys to watch.

Even the China Girl (voiced by Joey King) is endearing and lovable.

All-in-all the film is worth a watch, but you might want to wait to buy it until it hits the \$10 or \$5 racks at Wal-mart.



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## NSU softball wins rubber match over UCA

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Kylie Roos and Brooke Boening combined on a four-hit shutout while Shenequa Abby singled to lead off the sixth and scored the game-winning run on the second base hit of the day by Brianna Rodriguez, giving Northwestern State a 1-0 victory Sunday and the series triumph over Central Arkansas in Southland Conference softball.

The Lady Demons (28-9 overall, 9-5 in the Southland) won Saturday's opening game 1-0 in nine innings, and recovered from an 8-4 loss in the second game to UCA (24-14, 7-6).

The outcome moved NSU into sole possession of second in the league standings, trailing only McNeese (10-3) and just ahead of Sam Houston State and Lamar (both 9-6).

"This is a big series win," said Lady Demon coach Donald Pickett. "We competed really well once again in a tight, well-pitched game and executed when Shenequa's leadoff single gave us the opportunity. Brooke battled hard and Kylie picked up where she left off Saturday."

Abby lashed a one-hopper into left-centerfield on the first pitch in the bottom of the sixth. Tara McKenney perfectly executed a sacrifice bunt to move Abby into scoring position, and one out later, Rodriguez cracked a 1-2 pitch sharply into centerfield to chase Abby home.

Boening was touched up by doubles in the first two innings, but avoided damage each time. In the second inning, Tiffany Roby led off with a two-bagger and moved to third on a fly ball for the second out, but Boening notched her second strikeout of the inning to escape the threat.

Roos came on with one out in the fourth and a runner on first. Although UCA had at least one runner on in the final four frames, the Sugar Bears never touched third base again. Roos (10-2) and Boening each fanned three, walked one and allowed two hits while combining to strand eight Sugar Bears.

Roos allowed just three hits in the complete-game win Saturday, with only one getting out of the infield.

Her performance earned her another honor.

For the second time this season, Kylie Roos of the Northwestern State softball team has been named Pitcher of the Week, as announced by the Southland Conference office Monday afternoon.

UCA's Kelsie Armstrong (17-9) went the distance for the third straight game and held NSU to one hit, a Rodriguez single with one out in the fourth, until the decisive sixth. After striking out 20 in 16 innings Saturday, she notched only two Sunday.



A Demon baseball player slides to reach base. The Demons have struggled to hit the ball lately, batting only .239 this season. The team hit just .192 against UCA.

Photo by Gary Hardman - NSU Photographic Services

# 'Struggleville, USA'

## Demons slide to 13-straight losses before win over UCA

**Jimmie Walker**  
Editor-in-Chief

**Chris Degeyter**  
Staff Reporter

Poor hitting has plagued the Demons so far this season.

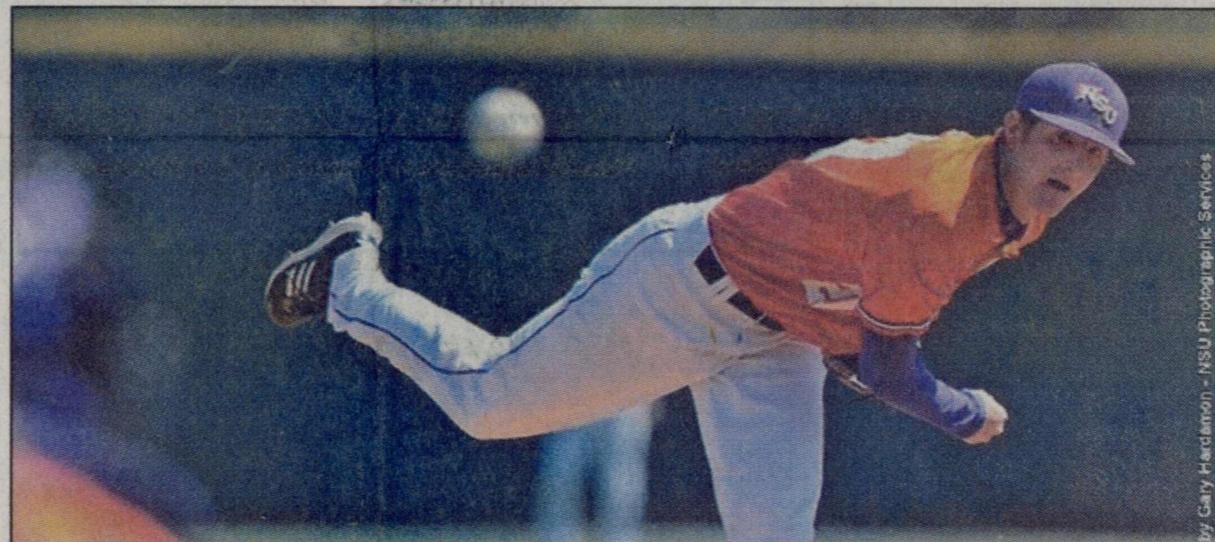
NSU (10-23, 1-8 in conference) entered the weekend with 13 consecutive losses haunting them and a batting average of .187 in the last six conference games as the team prepared to face the University of Central Arkansas Bears (22-8, 3-5 in conference) in a three-game series.

Friday's game seemed to help the Demons erase the early memories of the season.

Zack Costa's late-game bunt was enough to bring home Nick Purdy and squeezed a 1-0 win over UCA. Purdy landed on base after he led off the seventh inning with a single to right field. He advanced after Edwin Gomez sac-bunted and Matt Farmer hit an infield-single to first base.

Demon pitcher Robert Baker earned the win.

"Baker was the story of the game. I know his pitch count was



Steven Spann warms up for the Demons. He was one of six pitchers used in Sunday's game.

high, but I thought this was his game and he deserved it," Demon baseball head coach Lane Burroughs said.

"He pitched his tail off. He said he felt great, and nobody knows the body like that guy. He had conditioned himself to go that far."

Baker (3-3) struck out nine UCA batters.

"He shut down a very good team. They (UCA) are playing as well as anybody in the country," Burroughs said.

NSU batted .216 for the game, which is well below their season average of .239, but still managed to defeat UCA, a team with wins over three nationally-ranked opponents.

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"We're not a power hitting team," said Burroughs. "We're a team that has to get bunts down and hit-and-run. We pressured them (UCA) today and they didn't like it. They're going to come out tomorrow with their hair on fire and come after us."

With a little more confidence than before, NSU tried to build a winning streak in Saturday's game. Despite the team's effort, UCA's extra-inning burst was enough for the Bears

to tie the series at 1-1.

UCA struck first when Michael Marietta advanced home in the second inning thanks to wild pitches by Ashton Sivigliano.

Will Watson kept the Demons alive with a game-tying single that scored Edwin Gomez. In extra innings, Marietta would score again thanks to a single by Brent Marchal and sacrifice bunt by Chris Townsend.

Sunday's rubber match showed a more offensive performance between the two teams. UCA managed to edge out NSU, 7-4.

"I thought our energy in the dugout and our approach today at the plate was as good as it has been in a long time. I'm proud of our guys and can live with this loss because everyone was in the game and trying to win it," Burroughs said. "We put ourselves in position to win it at the end, and we battled, scratched, and clawed. Nick Purdy was at the plate, and we like him as much as anybody in the country but the other guy won. It happens; you have to be able to deal with it."

The Demons scored first this time when Farmer advanced home after a single by Regan Kaufman, but UCA exploded in shortly after, scoring five runs in the third inning.

"That has been the story of our season. LSU, Oklahoma, and several other teams we have faced went to one run games. If we could ever get over the hump, we could get things going," Burroughs said. "But, that does tell me our guys are competing and that's the first thing you have to do to change the culture of a program."

The Demons' next game will be tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. when the team plays host to Louisiana-Lafayette.

## Demon sprinters post nationally-ranked times at SFA meet

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Northwestern State's sprint corps shined Saturday at the Skechers-SFA Alumni Invitational hosted by Stephen F. Austin, with Justin Walker and Hanno Carter posting nationally-ranked times to win individual events and teaming on the first-place men's 4x100 meter relay team.

Walker (10.36) and Carter (10.39) went 1-2 in the 100 meter dash, with the Southland's top times this season, despite mistaking the finish line and slowing up about 10 meters early. Walker's time ranks 20th nationally, with Carter's mark 23rd.

Carter blazed to the nation's fifth-fastest wind-legal 200 meter dash time, a 20.67 clocking, 0.05 back of his league-best mark last month that was over the allowable wind for an NCAA qualifying time. Gabriel White, Walker, Carter and Kendal Taylor gave NSU the men's 4x100 crown with a 40.61 time.

Lady Demon standout Quiana



Justin Walker sprints to the finish at an outdoor meet. Walker posted a nationally ranked team of 10.36 at the Skechers-SFA Alumni Invitational track meet. He is currently ranked 20th in the nation. Aaron Williams took fourth in the triple jump with a 48-4 3/4 mark.



Griffin took the women's 400 meter run in 54.95, the conference's third-best mark this season. NSU's Emmanuel Williams was the top colle-

giate finisher and second overall in the men's triple jump with a 50-9 1/2 mark, second in the Southland and his best by more than three feet.

Janae Allen gave Northwestern two more awards stand finishes with a pair of thirds, throwing 162-2 in the hammer and 161-3 in the discus. Keenan Jackson of NSU was the third-place finisher with a 48.36 400-meter dash time.

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## CIS teams win again

Courtesy of News Bureau

Nine students in Northwestern State University's Computer Information Systems program competed at the 18th annual Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) National College Conference held April 4-6 in St. Louis, Mo. AITP is the leading worldwide society of professionals in information technology.

"No university or college came close to winning as many awards as NSU. We are so proud of our students," said Dr. Jack Russell, coordinator of Northwestern State's CIS program.

Winning second place in Mobile Applications were Matt Foshee of Natchitoches and Jamey Nelson of Pitkin. Nelson and Jimmy Van of Leesville won second place in Visual Studio .NET Applications and Honorable Mention in Systems Analysis and Design.

Jonathan Bordelon of Moreauville and Stephen Thompson of Natchitoches won second place in Enterprise Server Challenge and third place in JAVA Programming. Greg Cruice of Marrero and Adriane Lemoine of Pineville earned Honorable Mention in Enterprise Server Challenge. Van also won third place in Highest Score in Microsoft Technology Associate Certification (Security).

Sixty-three colleges and university from across the United States attended the conference with more than 500 students registered.

"It is so exciting to see that our students continue to do well in our traditional competition areas, but are also working to win in the newer areas such as Mobile Applications," said Barbara Russell, instructor and AITP faculty sponsor.

The team and CIS faculty was honored during a recognition ceremony yesterday.

The program provides both theoretical and practical hands-on classes in Database, Networking, Programming and Systems Analysis & Design.

For more information on Northwestern State's CIS program visit [business.nsula.edu/computer-information-systems-home](http://business.nsula.edu/computer-information-systems-home).



Senior liberal arts major Jason Harmeyer prepares to present his thesis defense. It was the first thesis presentation of the year. A thesis is a report consisting of original research in the student's field of study. It's required of all Scholar's students to graduate.

## Aspiring graduates press towards the mark Students move one step closer to the finish line

Jarred Roberts  
Sauce Reporter

With graduation approaching Scholars' students have one more hurdle to overcome—thesis defense.

A thesis is required of all Scholar's undergrads to graduate and is a report comprised of original research in the student's field of study. This is a minimum of 40 pages and is worked on for the majority of a student's senior year.

Theses vary depending on student discipline. Biology students will most likely have graphs and studies within their thesis while theater and dance students may have a performance.

The thesis defense lasts about an hour. The student presents their thesis to a crowd of interested individuals and their readers. Readers are two professors with a similar discipline to the student's topic that assist them by proofreading the stu-

dent's work.

Both readers have to approve a thesis before it can be considered complete. Any remaining time is left to questions from the audience that the student must answer.

"It is the culmination of their academic career," Davina McClain, Director and Associate Professor of Classics, said. "They bring everything that they've learned not in just the major courses but core course to bear in a research topic in something of interest to them."

McClain helps schedule and attends every student's thesis defense. She also makes sure all rooms are equipped with the necessary technology that a student requires for their defense.

The very first thesis defense this year was on last Wednesday by Jason Harmeyer, a liberal arts major with a concentration in scientific inquiry, presented "What Exactly is in Natchitoches' Water?"

Harmeyer has been doing research since last spring for his thesis, "Learning From the Past: The Influence of Johann Sebastian Bach

Upon the Soviet Composers."

"I'm looking at four Soviet composers and how they combated the oppressive policy of Socialist Realism by drawing on their reverence for Bach," Harmeyer said. His thesis reached 75 pages and had 120 different sources including the pieces of music he incorporated.

"It teaches you a lot about the scholarly process, what professors do and what you should expect to do if you enter academia somewhere," Harmeyer said.

Harmeyer defended his thesis in front of about 30 colleagues including his readers, friends and other students interested in classical music.

The second defense took place yesterday. Robin Jones, a liberal arts major with a concentration in scientific inquiry, presented "What Exactly is in Natchitoches' Water?"

Jones analyzed Natchitoches' water for volatile substances both before and after treatment and found that some substances remained in the water during treatment.

"I had heard all the jokes about Natchitoches water so I thought it would be a cool rumor to put to rest," Jones said.

Jones has been conducting experiments since January and uses equipment in Forenet to analyze the water. This analysis alone took Jones a minimum of seven hours a week in addition to writing, researching and collecting samples.

"It really helps with applying to graduate schools," Jones said. "I'm one of the few students around with an undergrad thesis."

Jones will be attending Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine next fall to begin her four-year program to become a vet. Starting Wednesday, the remainder of the thesis defenses will begin.

There are over a dozen more defenses that cover topics ranging from Disney to World War II fashion. A schedule can be found on the Scholars' College Facebook page and reminders will be sent out through Student Messenger.

**School counselor:  
Eating disorders  
often under reported**

Janell Parfait  
Sauce Reporter

"It all starts off with a diet. An innocent way to lose weight that may spiral out of control," Kim Johnson, counselor at NSU's Counseling and Career Services Center, said.

Eating disorders are a serious issue that often go unreported due to the concept of societal taboos. And with 35 percent of college-age women reported by the National Institute of Mental Health to have an eating disorder, the lack of seriousness taken could in fact endanger the person suffering from it.

According to NIMH, an eating disorder is an illness that causes disturbances in everyday dieting such as eating extremely small amounts of food or severely overeating. Eating disorders frequently appear in teenagers and young adults, but they can also appear in children and later in life.

The most obvious examples of eating disorders are anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa. Aside from fasting and purging, people suffering from eating disorders can also abuse laxatives and diuretics, exercise excessively and even binge, according to the NIMH. People with these disorders may have a distorted view of themselves or see nothing wrong with their dieting habits.

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders recognizes three types of eating disorders: anorexia, bulimia and binge-eating.

"They're mental disorders with physical ramifications," Ashley Jordan, registered nurse at the NSU health clinic, said. "You can go from head to toe on a person with an eating disorder and find something wrong with everything."

The physical effects of an eating disorder vary depending on the type of disorder. For example, the NIMH reports people with bulimia may suffer from esophageal damage; worn tooth enamel, tooth sensitivity and tooth decay; acid reflux or other gastrointestinal problems; intestinal distress from laxative abuse or severe dehydration.

For the rest of this story, check out [www.nsucurrentsauce.com](http://www.nsucurrentsauce.com)

## On campus organizations team up to serve student body



Organizations collaborate to aid freshmen students.

Damian Glover  
Sauce Reporter

The Career and Counseling Service's Department along with BACCHUS have been taking large strides to make their name known around campus to all students and faculty.

Just this semester alone BACCHUS has hosted over several events including their recent appearance at Vic's with their Spring Break Campaign. The Counseling and Career services Department has also been working hard to find better ways to accommodate students and

recently they have come up with a plan to do so.

The main focus of the new program will be to cater to all students, from freshman to seniors, especially non-traditional and transfer students. Statistics show that the more a person knows they have someone they can go to, the more likely they are to succeed in life.

Several of BACCHUS members and interested students have recently begun their training to become the new peer mentors of the 2013 – 2014 academic school year. The new mentors will be trained on how to interact with students on a mentee and mentor level.

Katie Prejean, freshman general studies major, feels that this program will not only help freshmen but all students.

"As a freshman coming into college, you have so many different emotions," Prejean said. "Sometimes you feel like you just want to go home, the familiar place you know. With this new organization you will always have that outlet to which you can talk to before making a big decision such as moving back home. During the fall semester, the department formulated a pilot group to be their first peer mentors. The group was directed to go into orientation classrooms of freshman to talk about alcohol abuse, drugs and

sexual harassment which was also discussed in "My Student Body," a required program of the university that first-time students are required to take part in online.

Ty Stuart, sophomore communication major, feels that BACCHUS has helped him along his collegiate career path.

"With the help of BACCHUS even though I may not be involved in it as member, I constantly see the things I do and they are the kinds of people who are life changers and life savers," Stuart said. "I also know that with the collaboration of these two organizations working separately but together to achieve one goal will be amazing."

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## The good times roll with SAB

Jessica Blow  
Staff Writer

**T**he Student Activities Board lets the good times roll as they bring a little of Las Vegas to NSU.

According to Special Events Coordinator and senior computer information systems major Ryan Owens, it will be a night students won't forget.

SAB's annual "Vegas Night" will be held April 23 at 7 p.m. Card and arcade games, like poker and slot machines, will adorn the Student Union Ballroom and lobby area providing students the opportunity to win prizes including a MacBook Pro and a Kindle Fire. Also up for grabs are an iPad Mini with retina display, Beats Audio Headphones, two pair of Ray-Ban Sunglasses, an Xbox and Wii U game system.

"This year Vegas Night has a lot more to offer, about \$10,000 worth of prizes," Owens said. "There are different games to play for prizes, and the arcade games are for those who want to play just for fun."

According to Owens, he and the Special Events Committee had weekly meetings all semester building up to this event to brainstorm about how they could motivate students to attend the event.

"I feel students will enjoy this year's event because there is a lot to offer," Owens said. "The prizes offered are up-to-date and fit students' preferences."

According to Owens, this year he is bringing in a company he describes as "something like a portable casino." The workers will dress up in dealer attire and assist students as if they were in a Vegas casino, and of age. This year's "Vegas Night" props came from catalogs along with some props made from SAB's very own members.

"I'm excited about Vegas Night," senior accounting major Rachel Belton said.

This will be Belton's first year as a SAB member and attending Vegas Night.

"I think students will enjoy all the prizes we will have," Belton said.

"Students will enjoy 'Vegas Night' because it is something that gives them an experience that they cannot enjoy until they are a certain age," Owens said. "Besides just money, there is a chance of winning one something that can be very useful to them."

Owens and his committee encourage everyone to come out and try their luck. Remember, what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.



Submitted Photo

## How to make a grilled cheese sandwich using a microwave

Recipe from [Wikihow.com](#)

**A**re you craving a grilled cheese sandwich, but don't have a frying pan in your dorm? In honor of National Grilled Cheese Month, the instructions in this article are sure to give you a mouth-watering grilled cheese sandwich straight from the microwave. Can't you just smell the delightful aroma?

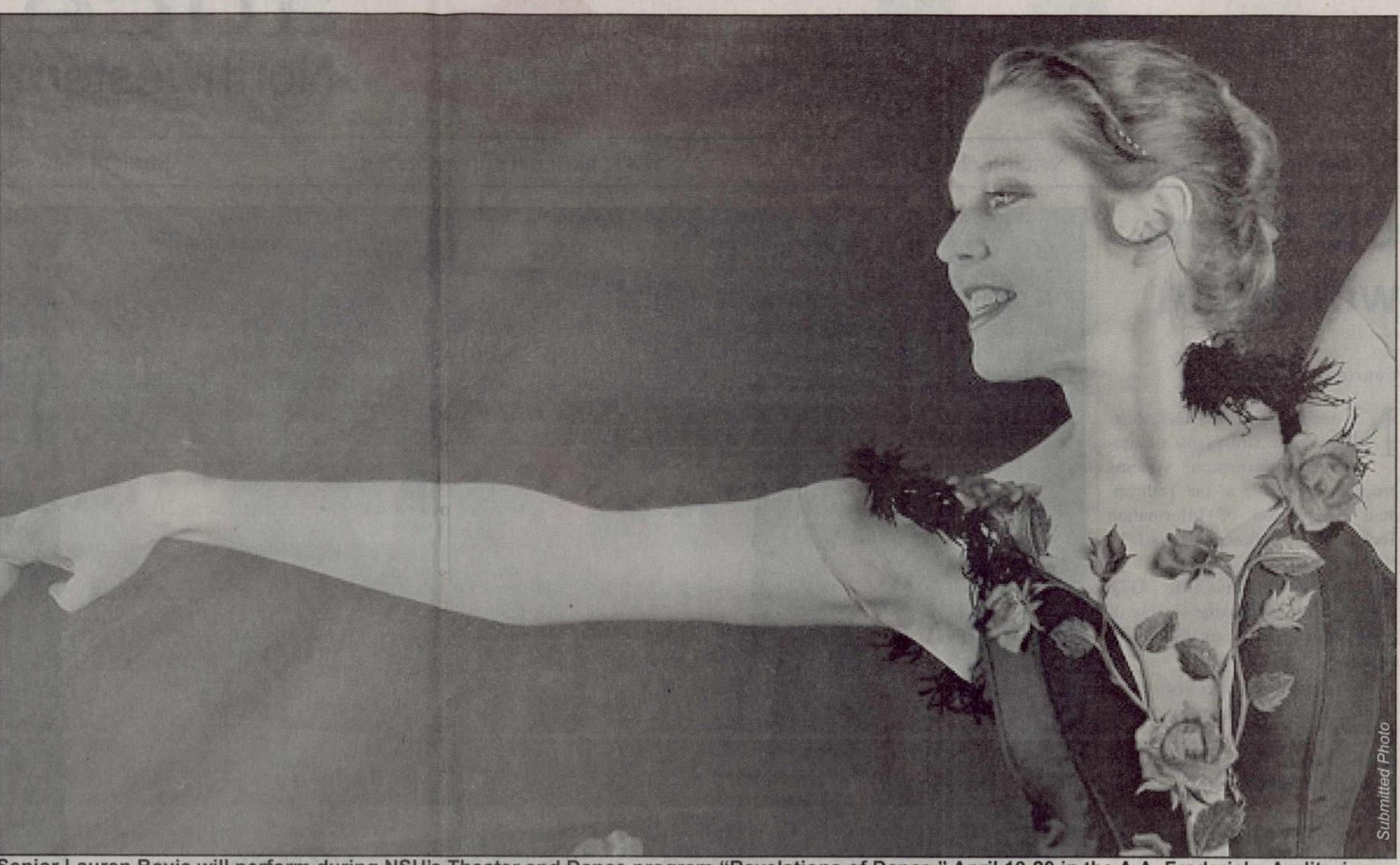
- For each sandwich, toast two pieces of bread of your choice. From Italian to pumpernickel, there is no type of bread which isn't safe for your microwave.

- Choose a type of cheese you would like to eat. You can have the traditional American cheese, or if you want to take a risk, try Swiss. You can even have Limburger if you like!

- Place your cheese delicately in between the toasted bread, and set your microwave to high.

- Set the time on the microwave to 20 seconds. The sandwich will be ready once the cheese has melted. This may take up to 60 seconds depending on the microwave. Once the cheese has melted, let the sandwich sit for about 45 seconds.

- Remove your masterpiece from your microwave and...Bon Appetit!



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Senior Lauren Bovia will perform during NSU's Theater and Dance program "Revelations of Dance," April 19-20 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

## Students showcase fancy footwork

### 'Revelations of Dance' to be performed in A.A. Fredericks

#### News Bureau

**N**orthwestern State University's Theatre and Dance program will showcase its faculty and students in a performance of "Revelations of Dance," April 19-20 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Show time is at 7:30 p.m. each evening with a 2 p.m. matinee on April 20.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for children and senior citizens. Northwestern

State, BPCC@NSU and Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts students are admitted free with a current student I.D. Reservations are not required for "Revelations of Dance."

The performance will include "Esmeralda Variation," "Sunscreen" and "Winter Solstice" by Kirstin Riehl, "Full Circle," "Ave Maria," "In the Deep," "Mom's Secret," "It's Time..." and "Vogue" by Brett Alan Garfinkel and

"Sweet Beginnings," "On Foot" and "Hotel Dieu" by Rebecca Morgan.

"I'm in four dance works and even though they are in different styles, they are cohesive," said senior Lauren Bovia of Maurepas. "The variety of styles speaks to the creativity of our faculty. We are exposed to every major style of dance plus musical theatre, which is a great opportunity for students."

Bovia is graduating in May and has been selected for an internship at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival in the Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts. Jacob's Pillow is America's longest running dance festival, originating in 1933.

Called "the dance center of the nation" by the New York Times, Jacob's Pillow brings together dance, music, art, nature and culture, with more than 350 free and ticketed

events including free outdoor performances, photography and art exhibits, free talks and discussions, tours, dance classes, onsite dining and much more. Dance companies from around the world and across the United States perform in two historic theatres and an outdoor stage throughout the summer.

Bovia will be a house manager and will be able to participate in master classes with internationally renowned dancers and

choreographers.

"I am blown away by the opportunity I have," said Bovia, who plans to move to New York to pursue a dance career after the Festival. "To be part of one of the leading dance festivals in the world and be around so many great dancers and choreographers is something I am looking forward to. This will be a big help for me as I move to my next step."

## Greek Week 2013



<b>Parkway Cinema</b> 1011 Keyser Avenue <b>"Scary Movie V"</b> 4:30 p.m. 7:10 p.m. 9:40 p.m.
<b>"Evil Dead"</b> 4:30 p.m. 7:10 p.m. 9:40 p.m.
<b>"Temptation"</b> 4:20 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m.
<b>"The Croods"</b> 4:30 p.m. 7:10 p.m. 9:20 p.m.
<b>"G.I. Joe: Retaliation"</b> 4:20 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m.
<b>"Jurassic Park"</b> 4:10 p.m. 6:50 p.m. 9:20 p.m.

Greek Week 2013 kicked off Monday with a BBQ held at NSU's Tailgating Pavilion. Greek Week is designed to bring about unity throughout the Northwestern State University Greek community. The week is designed to instill the importance of not only being a member of a specific chapter, but also a member of NSU's Greek community. Pictured above are members of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Sigma Nu Fraternity of Team Ares participating in Tuesday's Greek Week event, Song Fest.

## Students need to get involved on campus

I'm sure everyone remembers their freshman year and all of the first week seminars and classes where a group of people would get up and preach at you to "Get involved!" I was one of those freshmen who sat there and made fun of those people, but now I see where they are coming from.

Ever since that first week of school, I have managed to almost complete the entire "84 Things to do at Northwestern Before You Graduate" list. It was not until this semester that I realized how important this list is to me.

I decided after virtually sitting in my room almost every night and weekend last semester that things were going to be different. The college experience is not about going out every weekend to parties, but becoming implicated into one's college.

I have participated in several major school events, and I am proud to say that I did. I have had the most wonderful experiences because I have decided to become one of those people who screeched about getting involved.

This brings me to my next point. I have a friend who is the utter opposite of me. When I started trying, she started to become even more of an introvert. I have tried to get her to go to events with me, but there is always some kind of excuse.

Using homework as an excuse can only go so far because we all have homework. Since I've been more involved in school, I have made some incredible friends who have helped expand my horizons. Instead of having my room to confine me, I now have an entire campus to entertain me.



**Camille Mosley**  
Freshman Scholar

Going out and meeting new people is probably the greatest thing that one can experience. As one starts to meet a ton of new people, he or she can decide on what he or she likes in different kinds of relationships.

Not only that, but after the building of such relationships, a person can really start to figure out and create him or herself.

Now, with all of that being said, Northwestern does have some pretty awesome events to help students get more involved. There are massive amounts of scavenger hunts that help with team-building; there are plenty of sport events that happen that help get students more into school spirit.

There are major events such as Up 'Til Dawn that has students send out letters from Saint Jude's Children's Hospital, asking for donations. This event really helps students meet new people because it is a huge group of students coming together for a common cause.

There is the Spring Fling, which I recently attended. This event brings students together with the large amount of free food—crawfish I might add—and allowing the students to enjoy some fun games after they have eaten, or before they have eaten. It's all about preference.

In the end, getting involved in one's college is important, especially as a freshman. It just about sets the tone for how the rest of one's schooling will be. Getting involved also simultaneously teaches students important skills such as multi-tasking, time management and how to have a perfect balance in school, work and play.

All in all, get involved in school because it really is a wonderful thing.

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## 'G. I. Joe: Retaliation' Reporting for entertainment, sir!

**Rating:** ●●○○○

**Annie Desoto-Buras**

*Guest columnist*

who has an affinity for explosions and an attitude to match them. This group, along with Storm Shadow (Byung-hun Lee) are putting into action a plot that could destroy much of the world and leave Cobra Commander in charge of what was left.

But as the saying goes, there is no honor among thieves, and allegiances will be broken as certain truths about Storm Shadow's past are brought to light.

With their unit gone and no longer able to trust the government, the Joes must call up Snake Eyes (Ray Park) and Jinx (Elodie Young) from their mountain training for assistance with taking down this powerful enemy.

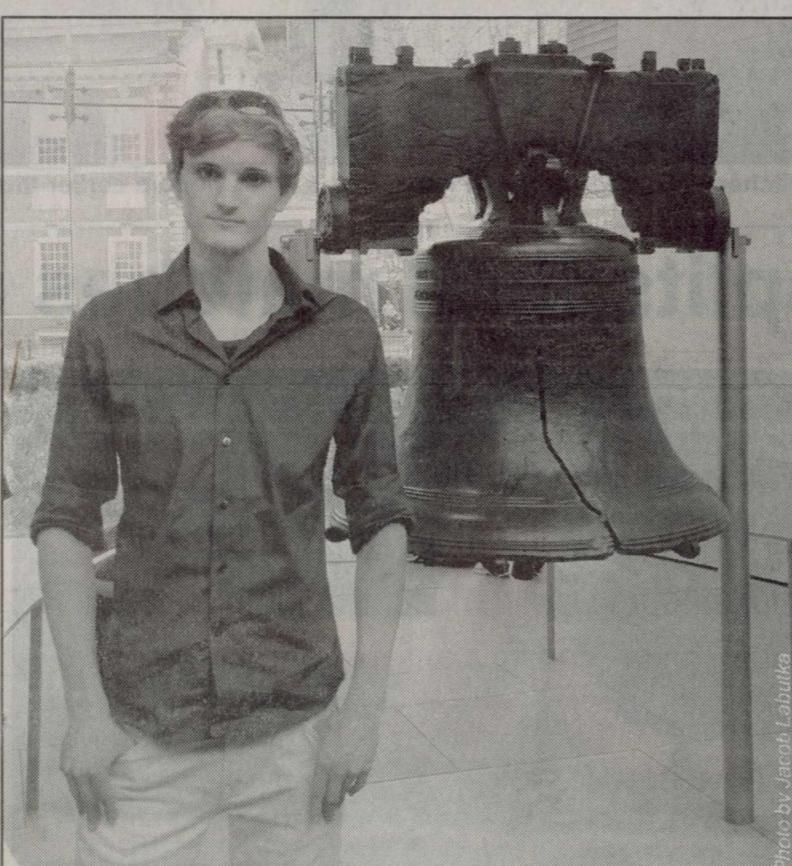
The team also enlists the help

of the big man himself, General Joe Colton (Bruce Willis), as well as getting some support from a no-longer-against-them Storm Shadow.

It's a game of trickery and deceit as the Joes race the clock to prevent Cobra Commander from realizing his goal of taking control of the planet.

"G. I. Joe: Retaliation" is a fun action romp that's enjoyable for just about everyone. You don't even need to be familiar with the G. I. Joe universe before buying your ticket, since most of the important backstory can be pieced together as the film goes on.

So get some friends together and head to the movies, you won't regret it.



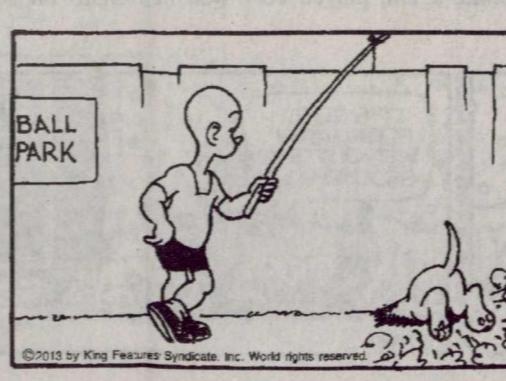
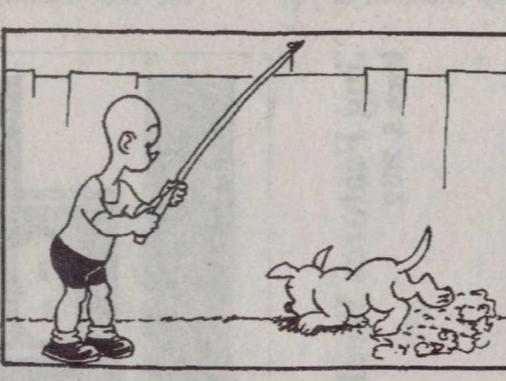
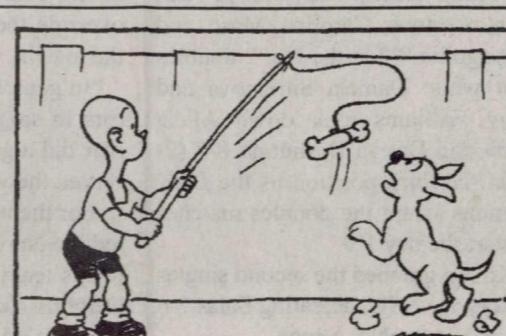
Writer Jacob Labutka crosses "seeing the Liberty Bell" off of his bucket list.

to think about "kicking the bucket," even fewer want to think about the benefits of staying in the same place forever. If Columbus was able to discover the New World, then we should be able to experience a new world for ourselves.

However, there's something limiting about the bucket list. While everything on our lists is likely exciting and monumental, there is still much life beyond the bucket.

If we limit ourselves to aspirations and dreams of

the bucket list should be dispensed with. I contend that we keep our bucket lists and add a section for anticipating unexpected surprises. That part of the list is indeed the most important of all.



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Cort Brinson swings away at an incoming pitch. He went four-for-four at the plate against the Bulldogs.

## Errors prove costly in loss to La Tech Bulldogs

Courtesy of Sports Info:

**F**ive errors allowed three unearned runs to ruin Joey Parrack's seven inning, three-hit gem when Louisiana Tech defeated the Northwestern State baseball team 3-1 Tuesday night in non-conference action.

Parrack (0-5), who started on the mound for the Demons (11-26), struck out six batters and walked only one Bulldog (13-24), but took the loss when two runs scored in the second inning on two throwing errors.

With one out, Kody Neel reached and advanced to third base on a throwing error from NSU catcher Nick Purdy that ended up in the right field bullpen.

He stayed at third base when while Cory White hit a chopper to third baseman Edwin Gomez that ended up being low on his attempt at first base.

Neel scored on a single through the right side from Bre'shawn Kimbell, and White scored from third base on a balk. Parrack went on to retire 12 of the next 15 batters he faced.

"Purdy got sped up and Gomez was sped up, and that was the game pretty much," said head coach Lane Burroughs. "It's just a case of getting sped up and guys thinking they have to rush when they don't."

In the eighth inning, Logan Shafter replaced Parrack on the mound and retired the first batter he faced before Taylor Love reached on a high throwing error from shortstop Matt Burns.

After he stole second base, Love advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored when Purdy tried to get him at third.

The Demons scored an unearned run in the seventh inning that started when Purdy reached on an error from Love at shortstop.

Two singles by Matt Burns and Cort Brinson loaded the bases for Regan Kaufman who took a walk.

Brinson was four-of-four at the plate, and was the only Demon to have a multi-hit game. Northwestern State out-hit the Bulldogs nine to four.

"I benched Cort the other day and he goes four-for-four tonight," said Burroughs. "That's what we need in this program. We have to get tough-minded kids that will do anything to prove to coaches that he should be playing."

The Bulldogs put nine pitchers on the mound, and only the starter Adam Derouen (1-0) pitched for more than one inning.

"It's tough to get into a groove when you face a pitcher per inning, but we knew they were going to do that in a midweek game," said Burroughs. "If you're going to be a Division one hitter, it doesn't matter who's out there on the mound, you adjust and get it done."

NSU will continue a suspended game against Louisiana-Lafayette on Wednesday at 6:30, and admission is free.

The game will pick up in the top of the fourth inning with a Ragin Cajun 3-0 lead with a runner on first and second with no outs.

## Roos does it all for NSU softball

Tiandra Williams  
Sauce Reporter

**T**here is a diamond at NSU, and it is not the Lady Demons softball field. Rather NSU's "diamond on the diamond" is two-time Southland Conference Player of the Week pitcher Kylie Roos. She is helping to lead the Lady Demons to their best season start since 1990. Roos, a senior, brings to the mound experience, a competitive nature and love for the game.

"It requires so much extra work," Roos said. "I am thankful for all the extra hours of practice and pitching lessons now, but as a kid I probably was not as understanding. However, it is such a rewarding position. You have so much control over the outcome of the game."

Roos' childhood tee-ball days and Olympian dreams led the Celina, Texas native to NSU. A standout player at Celina High School, she earned All-District and All-Area Newcomer of the Year, All-District Defensive Most Valuable Player and All-Area Offensive MVP, All-District MVP and All-Area First Team and District MVP and TGCA 1A-3A Player of the Year.

But her athletic talents extend beyond the baseball diamond. In high school she lettered four years as a volleyball setter, gaining multiple awards: Freshmen Setter of the Year and All-Area First Team honors as a junior.

Now as a Division I collegiate athlete, she has little spare time given her softball and academic scheduling, yet she maintains a 3.5 GPA. However, during her few moments to relax she enjoys watching the TV show "Scandal" or listening to Maroon 5.

"It is all about prioritizing for each day's schedule and taking lots of naps!" Roos said.

Those much needed naps have paid off for Roos. In her debut season "she proved to be a great asset in the pitching rotation" earning SLC player of the week on Feb. 23.

The following season she looked to step up her game as she "was a dual threat for NSU opponents on both sides of the field" ... closing out the season as a top 10 pitcher in the conference with a 2.23 ERA, 116 strikeouts and a SLC top 10 opponent batting average of .224.

And just last year she continued to thrive as she started in 41 out of 48 games. Now, Roos had a 1.39 ERA, her best yet, according to NSU athletic web page.

Currently in her senior year, Roos says her goal is for the Lady Demons to win conference play, as well as the tournament.

"Everything I do now is for the last time," Roos said. "That alone makes you kick into another gear in hopes of leaving a lasting impression." Undoubtedly this pitcher will remain one of NSU's top "diamonds on the diamond."



Pitcher Kylie Roos earned Pitcher of the Week honors earlier this month and has an ERA of 1.17.

## Lady Demon tennis splits final matches of season

Kellie O'Brien  
Sauce Reporter

**S**enior Andrea Nedorostova cemented her spot in the Northwestern State tennis record books but her effort wasn't enough to help the Lady Demons prevail, as NSU lost a tough battle against Lamar 4-3 on Saturday afternoon at the Thompson Family Tennis Center.

"This was a disappointing loss," said Lady Demon head coach Patric DuBois. "We came out and played very well in doubles and then went flat in singles."

The Lady Demons move to 10-7 overall and 5-3 in Southland Conference action while Lamar advances to 10-8, 6-2.

Nedorostova and teammate Tatiana Larina posted an 8-5 victory over LU's Carolina Salas and Helene Czudek, pushing NSU's lone senior to the top of the school's career doubles wins ledger with a 68-10 record.

A native of Brno, Czech Republic, Nedorostova is now the winningest doubles player in program history, surpassing former Lady Demon Bianca Schulz's career record of 67-21 from 2008-11.

"We are very proud of Andrea becoming the all-time leader in doubles victories during her career," said DuBois. "She has played with different partners during this time which shows her strong abilities in doubles."

Nedorostova also improved her



Andrea Nedorostova volleys the ball back to her opponent. She lead NSU to victory over MSU.

career singles record to 58-20, which ties the No. 4 all-time wins record, after defeating Natalia Mayagoitia 6-3, 7-6 (6) at the No. 4 position.

Polina Konop and Natalya Krutova overtook Carolina Maso and Mayagoitia 8-3 at the No. 2 doubles spot while Daniela Simonova and Amy Williams took down Alicia Porte and Dariya Dashutina 8-7 (7-0) in the third position as the Lady Demons swept the doubles matches to start the day 1-0.

Konop grabbed the second singles victory for NSU, defeating Salas 7-6 (2), 6-3 at the No. 1 spot.

"Polina, again, played very well in

both matches on today and I am very happy with her process of doing things," said DuBois.

Lamar would rally in singles play, taking four of the six matches, to override the doubles point and win the match.

"In general we made too many errors in singles," said DuBois. "Lamar did a good job fighting and deserved the win today."

For the next match, Nedorostova led the Northwestern State women's tennis team once again as the Lady Demons closed out the regular season with a 4-3 victory over McNeese State on Sunday afternoon at the

Nancy Hank Tennis Center.

The win improves NSU's record to 11-7 overall and 6-3 in Southland Conference play while the Cowgirls fall to 13-9, 4-5.

"This match was as close as it gets with third set tiebreakers in the last two matches," DuBois. "Luckily, our senior (Nedorostova) was able to pull a win out."

"It was a heartbreaking loss for Polina (Konop), who played a great match against the likely SLC player of the year. This was as high level a match as I have seen in many years in our conference."

The Lady Demons came out

strong, sweeping the doubles matches to earn the doubles point and start the day with a 1-0 lead.

Larina and Olga Leyshyna kept the momentum going as Larina defeated Lara Pujol 6-1, 6-0 at the No. 3 spot and Leyshyna overpowered Diana Pirciu 6-3, 6-3.

"We did a great job in doubles today and it was great to see and Olga play their games in singles and take care of business in straight sets," said DuBois. "The others fought very hard but came up short against a very well coached and solid McNeese squad."

The Cowgirls would not go down easily; pulling within one at the 3-2 mark after Anastasia Surkova won the No. 3 singles match and Anna-Belle Peacock took the No. 6 match.

It came down to the No. 4 and No. 1 matches as Nedorostova and Konop each went to three sets against their opponents.

Nedorostova grabbed the first set against Andreea Nenu 6-3 before falling 3-6 in the second. The senior captain battled through a tough third set to eventually win in a 7-6 (6) tie-breaker and clinch the win for the Lady Demons.

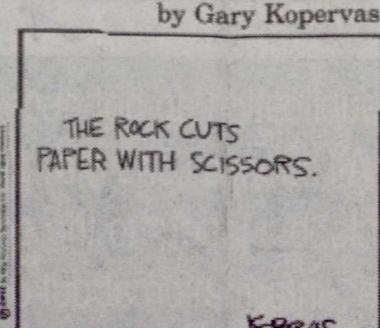
"I am confident that we are ready to play well as a team in the upcoming SLC tournament," said DuBois. "The Lady Demons take a week off before traveling to Beaumont for the Southland Conference Tournament. Competition in the tournament begins on Thursday, April 25."



Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



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## Same-sex marriage debate continues

Janitza Vasquez  
Sauce Reporter

In the United States only six states recognize same-sex marriage, while the remaining states ban same-sex marriage, defining marriage as between only a man and a woman.

President Barack Obama brought the issue back to light recently when he declared his support for same-sex marriages during last year's presidential election. Obama was the first president to declare his support for same-sex marriage while in office.

"At a certain point I've just concluded that for me, personally, it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married," Obama shared during an interview with ABC News last fall.

Since Obama has declared his support, the support towards same-sex marriage has grown, and so has the opposition. A NBC poll showed that support for same-sex marriage has increased from 51 percent in December to currently 53 percent. Four months later, polls also show that opposition has grown the same amount from 40 to 42 percent.

The polls reveal that 56 percent of Americans believe the federal government should set marriage laws and not the states. However, Obama supports the concept of states determining their own marriage laws.

Of the many states that have banned gay marriages, Louisiana is one of them.

"The banning of same-sex marriage violates the constitutional right of all gay Americans," senior Alicia Brown said. She believes it is discrimination.

"Because of the gender I chose to love, I can not marry them? What's the difference in telling me I cannot do something because I am black?" Brown said.

While some of students may disagree with the banning of same sex marriages in Louisiana, others agree with it. "I have nothing against homosexual couples, and while I agree

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Cadets go through a series of exercises to test the application of skills they've learned. Navigation and map literacy are among those skills.

## ROTC training equips future soldiers

### Training instills confidence in cadets

Ty Johnson  
News Editor

North Korea has raised political tensions across the world with a series of threats through North Korean leader Kim Jong Un over a six-week period. Among those threats were the launch of a nuclear strike against the United States.

Although U.S. officials claim North Korea is not technologically advanced enough to back up Kim Jong Un's provocative threats, loved ones of those in the military are on the edge of their seats about the possibility of another war.

"It's emotionally exhausting to think about my loved ones who have just returned not long ago having to leave again for another war," senior psychology major Angel Johnson said. "I didn't expect

to hear about another war in my lifetime."

ROTC cadet and senior finance major Terrell Murdock said his training provided by the ROTC program and the Army Reserve makes him feel confident about doing his job as a soldier if war was officially declared. Murdock reached the highest rank achievable in ROTC—CDT Battalion Commander.

"We have a great program here that offers training and camps that teach you important skills every cadet or future soldier needs," Murdock said. "I've been taught how to perform under pressure and how to be mentally strong."

Murdock said that the threats seem to have gotten more serious over time, however, like U.S. officials, he's doubtful of North Korea's credibility of those threats targeting the United States.

"I don't think North Korea



Training promotes leadership and teamwork in among ROTC cadets.

is prepared to go to war with the United States," Murdock said. "We have a very powerful military."

Like Murdock, junior business major Marlon Dews strongly believes North Korea isn't equipped to fight the States, however, if they were, the U. S. military has prepared well in advance.

Last March, the U.S. used heavy machinery to send a message to North Korea.

B-52 bombers made flights over South Korea. The flight exercises enraged North Korea.

"I think we are more than prepared to fight," Dews said.

## Scholarship honors the memory of colleague

Courtesy of News Bureau

A scholarship honoring the memory of Melinda Martin McClung has been established at Northwestern State University by McClung's co-workers in the university's Registrar's Office. McClung was a Northwestern State alumna and worked in the Registrar's Office for over 22 years. She was killed in a traffic accident on March 24.

"Among her many jobs, Melinda evaluated all transcripts that came in from other colleges and also helped determine eligibility of college athletes," said Registrar Lillie Frazier Bell. "She helped many students qualify for graduation through her knowledge and expertise in knowledge and evaluation of transfer credits. She was a dedicated and conscientious employee and a loving mother of her two sons, Joseph and Michael."

The Melinda Martin McClung Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a student transferring into Northwestern State with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better.

McClung's husband, Phillip McClung, is a popular and respected teacher at NSU Middle Lab School. Their son Joseph plans to attend Northwestern State this fall.

McClung's colleagues initiated the scholarship in recognition of their friend's dedication to her family, her coworkers and the Northwestern State students she helped. McClung was instrumental in developing administrative policies and procedures on transfer credit, serving as the university liaison with other institutions and working tirelessly with members of the Louisiana Board of Regents in the development of transfer credit matrix systems.

"Melinda was a long-time, devoted member of the university family and my dear friend," said Barbara Prescott, assistant to the registrar.

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## Newly elected SGA president, vice president plan for SGA makeover



SGA President Kyla Winey and Vice President Garrett Pierce plan for a more efficient senate to better serve students. The two newly elected student officials plan to give SGA a fresh start.

Jared Roberts  
Sauce Reporter

Soon to be Student Government Association President Kyla Winey and Vice President Garrett Pierce are working together for a smoother senate that will help bridge the gaps between students, senate and faculty. Winey, communication major, and Pierce, a scholars' student studying philosophy, politics and law, have several ways to make the senate more efficient.

"My main tenant is to restructure the SGA because in the past it hasn't served its maximum potential," Pierce said.

He believes that a more efficient senate will allow them to better aid students.

"We are going to increase the pro-

fessionalism," Pierce said.

As vice president Pierce oversees the senate to ensure they are in line with the laws and bylaws. He also checks their office hours and that they communicate with students.

"My duties focus on the internal aspects of SGA, which is to give the tools to the senators," Pierce said.

"We lead by example," Winey said. "I have a strong belief in being self-motivated."

Winey will join forces with the Student Activities Board to form study halls in the union and have senators attend more campus events.

She is also planning an event that would allow students to discuss their concerns with faculty and senators.

Winey has been with SGA for one year and has been preparing for this position by attending workshops with other student government mem-

bers from universities all over the state.

"I have strong love for NSU and the political side of how it's run and I felt like president would be a great position for me," Winey said.

Pierce been a part of SGA for two years now and wants to work with Winey to make SGA a better bridge between students and faculty.

"I saw how effective the senate could be and I wanted to be that for the university," Pierce said.

Many students were unaware of the lack of campaigning and information concerning the elections. This was largely to do with the fact that Winey and Pierce were the only ticket running and they won by acclamation.

"SGA can't do much about the ticket's campaign because there was nobody to campaign against," Di-

rector of Student Activities, Yonna Posch, said.

Posch also added that this can be viewed as favoritism. SGA must take a neutral stance until candidates are inaugurated. Tickets closed in early March and Winey and Pierce officially won the election April 10.

"It was a blessing in that we didn't have to campaign, but it doesn't make our position any less meaningful or any easier," Winey said. "It was a smooth transition, by winning by acclamation we had the approval of all the other senators, that's important because we are moving forward and everyone will hopefully be on the same page as us," Pierce added.

The inauguration is today in the Student Union Ballroom at 3:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

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## Senior shares tips on suppressing senioritis

Janitza Vasquez  
Sauce Reporter

**A**re you a senior in college and having a hard time staying focused, making decisions or skipping classes? Sounds like you have caught yourself a case of senioritis. Senioritis is a defined as an illness that decreases students motivation towards their studies who are nearing the end of their college careers.

Senioritis is a disease that affects high achieving, average and struggling students. As the end of their senior year approaches, many students feel entitled to some free time. They have been doing the same routine for almost four years, and many of them are "over it." The consequences of senioritis include failing classes, lowered GPA's and possibly not graduating. Lucky for you all, I have found five ways to suppress senioritis.

**Tip #1:** Get motivated. Graduation is right around the corner, and you'll be soon entering the real world. As long as you keep in mind what comes after graduation that should be enough motivation. If not, use whatever it is that you want to accomplish after college as your motivation.

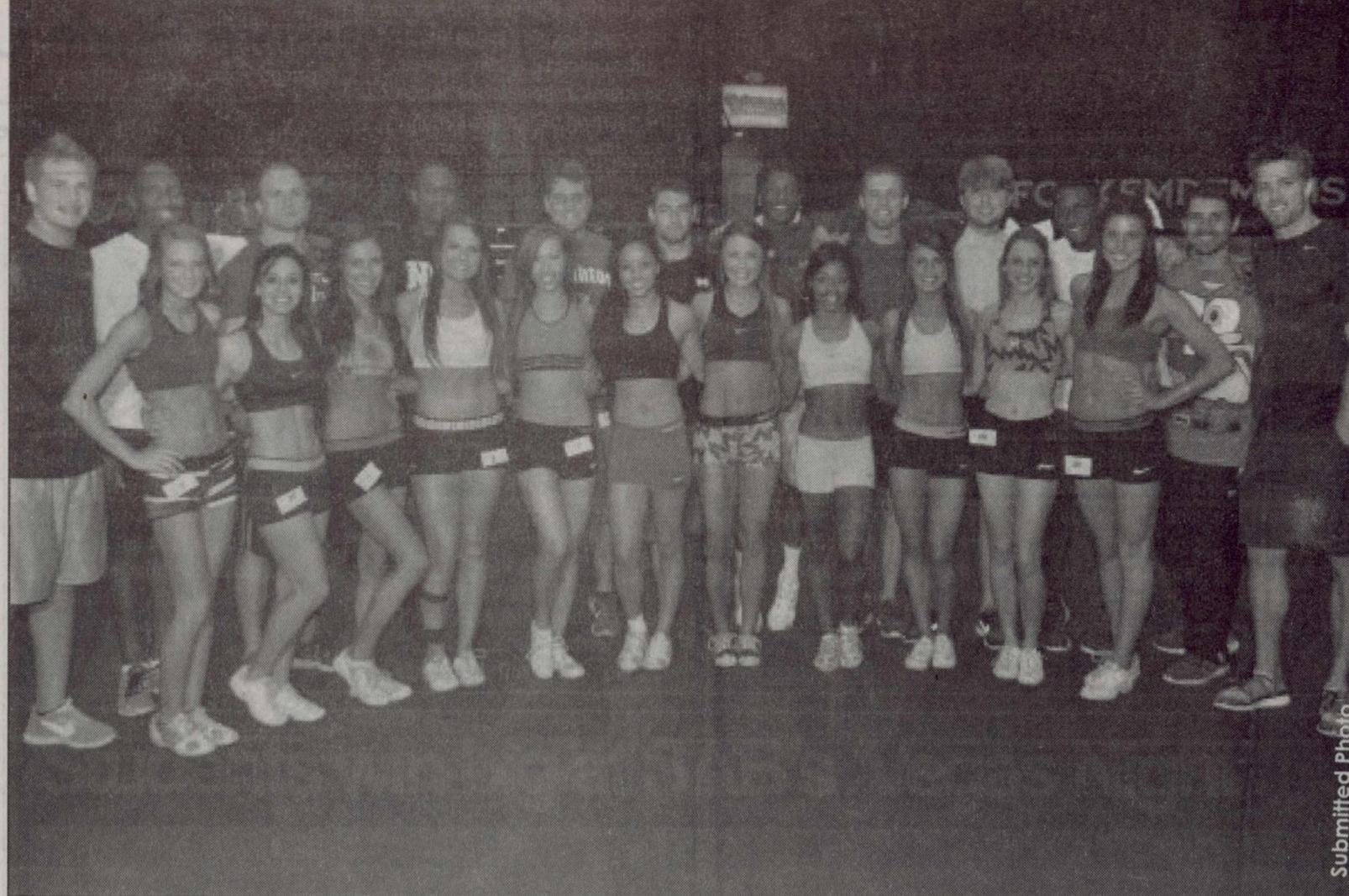
**Tip #2:** Stay organized. By getting and staying organized, you are able to prioritize your list of things to do. If you organize your day, you might see that you have a little more free time than what you expected. Once you prioritize, you will be able to plan accordingly.

**Tip #3:** Stay in shape! Once a student starts to catch senioritis, they tend to fall into a lazy routine. Research proves that exercising and eating healthy can make an individual more energized. The more energy you have, the more you can get accomplished. So get up, hit the gym and kick senioritis to the curve.

**Tip #4:** Start a buddy system. If you're having a hard time staying focused, find someone who can help you stay focused. Both of you can help motivate and keep each other on track.

**Tip #5:** Reward yourself. If you have been working hard and feel like you need to take a break, take it! If you work hard, and stay focused your deserve a reward. Your senior year is supposed to be your best year, so don't take it too seriously.

Senioritis is a growing epidemic in many universities, but its not impossible to beat. By finding a way to balance work and play, you should be able to successfully complete your senior year.



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Members of the 2013-14 cheerleading squad and mascot at Northwestern State University are, front left to right, Emily O'Glee, Brittany Gacie, Kerri Laginess, Hanna Deloney, Lakyn Ward, Brianna Duenas, Caitlin Bowman, Kierra Cunningham, Lizzy DeBlieux, Avery Monroe, and Sarah Gandy, back left to right, Dylan Wallace, Cavonte Jones, David Bird, Shawn Fox, Cole Williams, John Simar, Rudolph Glass (Vic the Demon), Cade Stepp, Stefan Foster, Kiley Bell, Christian Broussard and Chase Stepp.

## New members chosen for spirit groups

Jessica Blow  
Staff Writer

**A**nxiousness and excitement filled her body as she anticipated the start of the music in the middle of the dance floor. "I can't do this," she thought to herself. "I should just walk out." The music starts. Just as she was about to leave, the music takes control. Her body moves to the

rhythm of the beat, making every leap, turn and kick. Finally, the music stops. Breathing uncontrollably, she strikes her pose, smiling, as the judges give her a standing ovation.

More than 30 girls auditioned for Demon Dazzlers this past weekend in the Health and Human Performance building's dance studio.



In the first round, the girls performed a 90-second solo followed by a round of cuts. Next they par-

icipated in a technique portion consisting of leaps, turn combinations and kicks. Finally the girls learned a 60-second routine choreographed by Demon Dazzlers sponsor and coach, Renee Oates. Once they had been taught the whole routine, the girls had a brief five minutes to review and perfect the dance to the best of their abilities.

"The first and biggest thing the judges look for is showmanship," said senior social work Captain Fallon Jackson. "To be in a spirit group, you have to really know how to perform for an audience not just going through the choreography."

In small groups of three and four, the girls performed the dance in front of a panel of judges. Shortly after, there was a final round of cuts and the 2013-2014 team of 11 ladies was announced.

"Dance requires different emotions whether it is happy or sad," Jackson said. "A dancer is someone that can portray these emotions through dance, who can tell a story without speaking."

The dancers know dancing very well. Jackson has danced for about 17 years, with four years she has



Submitted Photo

Auditions for the Demon Dazzlers were held in the dance studio of the Health and Human Performance building on last Saturday. Eleven ladies were chosen to perform at throughout the year at various NSU events.

danced at NSU. In the fall, it will be her first year as captain and the start of her fifth year at NSU.

Twenty-three other students also celebrated this past weekend, as they became members of the cheer-leading squad. Vic the Demon, NSU's mascot, was also chosen.

The Northwestern State cheerleaders are the premiere spirit group for the university. They have the

opportunity to cheer at all home football, basketball, volleyball and soccer games and most away football games. The squad also represents NSU at various alumni and community functions and events.

"I prayed for something I could excel at and finally be able to say I have a talent," junior Shawn Fox said. "My prayers were answered when the judges called out the number 22."

## Students anticipate fun in the sun

Janitza Vasquez  
Sauce Reporter

**W**ith the end of the spring semester nearing, many students are eagerly anticipating the start of summer break. The days are getting shorter and warmer, and everyone is looking for endless fun. For the next two and a half months they are free to do whatever it is that they want.

Many students start their freedom off by planning vacations. Student's summer vacations normally consist of beach trips with the most popular destinations being Miami and Panama, FL and Galveston, TX. However, locations include Dallas, TX, California, Orlando, FL and New York City.

However, college students normally don't have much money to plan with, so going out to eat and vacationing, is out of the question for many. Although, according to junior Arteria Lewis, there are tons of fun things to do without breaking the bank.

"Me and my friends never have a dull summer," Lewis said. "None of us work, so money is slim, but we make it work. We normally just get together and hang. We plan get-togethers around the city so we're not spending money going out of town."

While there should be lots of fun in the sun and vacations during the break, many students use that time to gain career-related experience. Students tend to have a hard time landing jobs after graduation due to little or no work experience. The experience they may gain over the summer through internships and jobs can maximize their chances of joining the workforce straight out of college.

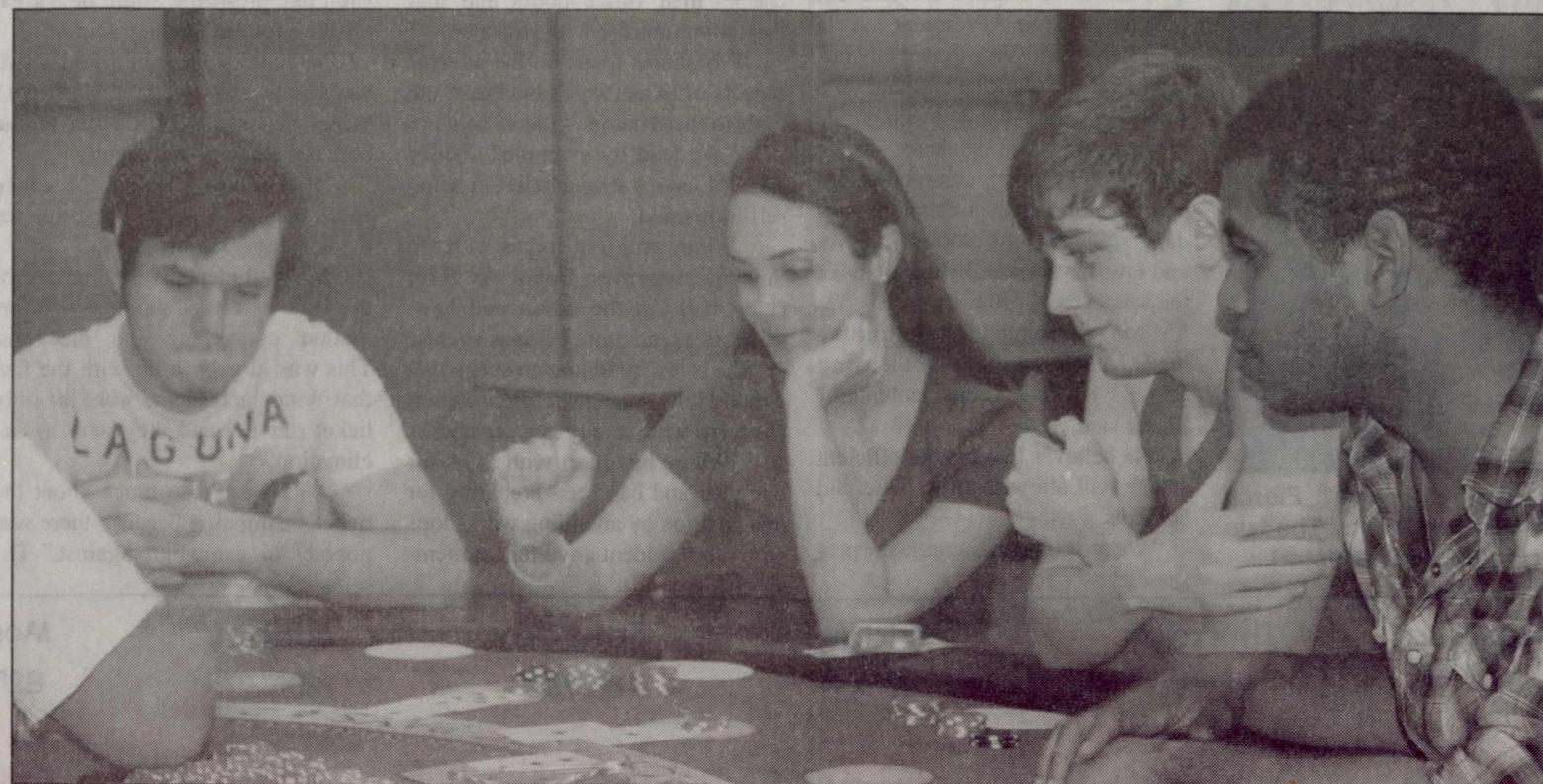
"My summer is going to be mostly all work and very little play," criminal justice major, Kevin Shief said.

"I plan on doing an internship this summer during the day, and get a job during the evening. I'll have to sacrifice my summer but ultimately I'll be having the most fun when it's all over."

**Brainy Acts Poetry Society (BAPS)** will be holding its second poetry slam of the semester on Wednesday, April 24th, at 8:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. In addition to performances by BAPS members, there will be an open mike for any NSU students who wish to perform a poem or song. Please come support your talented fellow students!



## Students win big at SAB's 'Vegas Night'



Northwestern's Student Activities board hosted their annual "Vegas Night" on Tuesday. Card and arcade games, like poker and slot machines, adorned the Student Union Ballroom and lobby area and gave students the opportunity to win prizes including a MacBook Pro and a Kindle Fire. Prizes won also included an iPad Mini with retina display, Beats Audio Headphones, two pairs of Ray-Ban Sunglasses, an Xbox and Wii U game system.

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"42"

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## Social media is truly the greatest accomplishment of the 21st Century

If you've ever had a conversation with me, you will have noticed how that I get extremely wild-eyed and loud when I start talking about social media. Regardless of popular belief, social media is an integral part of global society and anyone who denies it is absolutely a Communist or incredibly old.

Social media has helped revolutionize the world and here is why it affects you.

If any of you are like me, then your daily morning routine goes a little like this. You wake up, roll over and check your phone. Then you check Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook again and then Twitter again. Finally you answer texts and get out of bed.

The rest involves getting dressed, going to class where I check all of those sites again. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and sites like these have been thrown into our daily lives without us even noticing.

They have changed the way we communicate, interact and even how we make fun of one another.

I was not always a social media advocate. You see, I thought Twitter was Satan incarnate; Facebook was a knockoff of Myspace; Myspace was boring but the greatest thing ever; and well, I had no real opinion of YouTube at the time.

My viewpoint drastically changed after seeing the movie "The Social Network." The movie itself can be classified as realistic fiction because of all the dramatizations put in the film for Hollywood sake, however the birth of Facebook was perfectly depicted.

What really got me in this movie is the amount of work put into making the site and the actual concept of Facebook. Facebook, along with Twitter and other social media sites, have created the perfect gateway to endless possibilities.

Most people tend to focus on the negative, however it isn't all bad. Like most great concepts, there are flaws, but like I mentioned earlier, Facebook has changed the way we as humans interact with one another. Personally, I am able to connect with my family who is scattered across the country.



**Camille Mosley**  
Freshman Scholar

I am able to share my thoughts and be assured via likes, comments and retweets that others feel and think the same way that I do.

This can in turn create whole new networks of people meeting people meeting people.

This kind of phenomena is incredible because with Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, everyone is now faced with the choice of becoming friends with people they never would have originally become friends with.

Barriers are broken down and suddenly, there is hope for humanity that one day the traditions and cultures of our ancestors will become forgotten, or better respected and understood.

We could have an entire generation who likes people because of their personalities and not some spout-out crap that has been ingrained in each and every one of us.

The playing field is now level and we are all equal in stature.

Why? All because you accepted a simple friend request.

Social media is not evil or bad. The argument I make is that people simply abuse these sites. For every argument that I engage in with a 40-year-old and her bad grammar, there is an equal and opposite comment telling me how beautiful I am in my profile picture.

With every bad aspect of anything, there is a "bright side," if you will, to counter the darkness. Facebook is not just a place to upload bikini and bathroom pictures. It is also a way to connect with old friends and plan with new friends.

Twitter is not just a status update. Twitter is also a place to turn ideas into revolutions; it is a way to share thoughts, lessons, rants, and qualities with millions; it is a place where people—random people!—admire what you have to say.

Twitter is a way to gain followers and connect with people who truly acknowledge what you have to say. Social media, when used and understood properly, is the greatest idea to happen to the 21st century. As an advocate on behalf of social media, I hope to one day show people how and why it is important.

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## 'Moonstruck'

An oldie but goodie

### Rating: ●●●●○

**Annie Desoto-Buras**  
Guest columnist

Johnny. They end up doing a bit more than talking, however, and the next morning Loretta retracts the wedding invitation. Ronny agrees not to go to the wedding on the condition that Loretta agree to go with him to the opera that night.

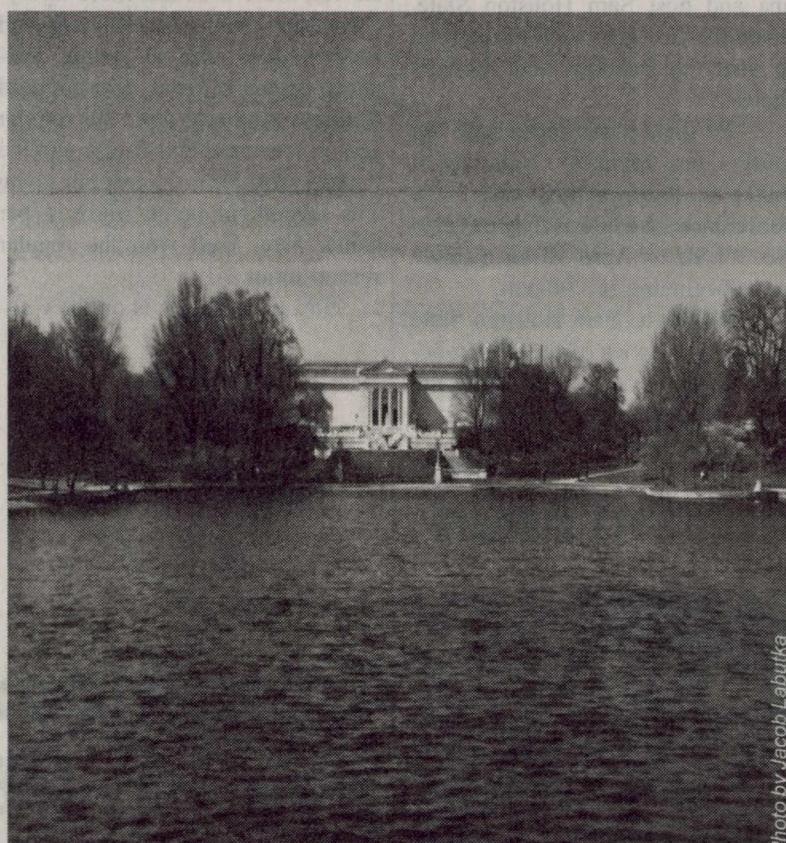
Loretta's parents have been having romantic difficulties as well. Her father Cosmo Castorini (Vincent Gardenia) has been having an affair, and Rose Castorini (Olympia Dukakis) is becoming suspicious.

When she goes out to dinner and meets the wannabe playboy Perry (John Mahoney), his flattery and attentions start to look pretty tempting to the romantically neglected housewife.

What will happen when Granda Castorini, who lives with the family, sees Rose and Perry walking arm-in-arm back from the restaurant?

How will things work out when Loretta and Ronny run into Cosmo and his mistress at the opera? How will everyone deal with Johnny Cammareri's "miracle" and his returning unexpectedly? I, of course, know the answer.

If you want to find out, however, you should definitely go find this movie and watch it. Even if you don't want to find out, you should watch it anyway; it's funny and witty and one of my personal all-time favorite films.



A sunny day in front of the Cleveland Institute of Art.

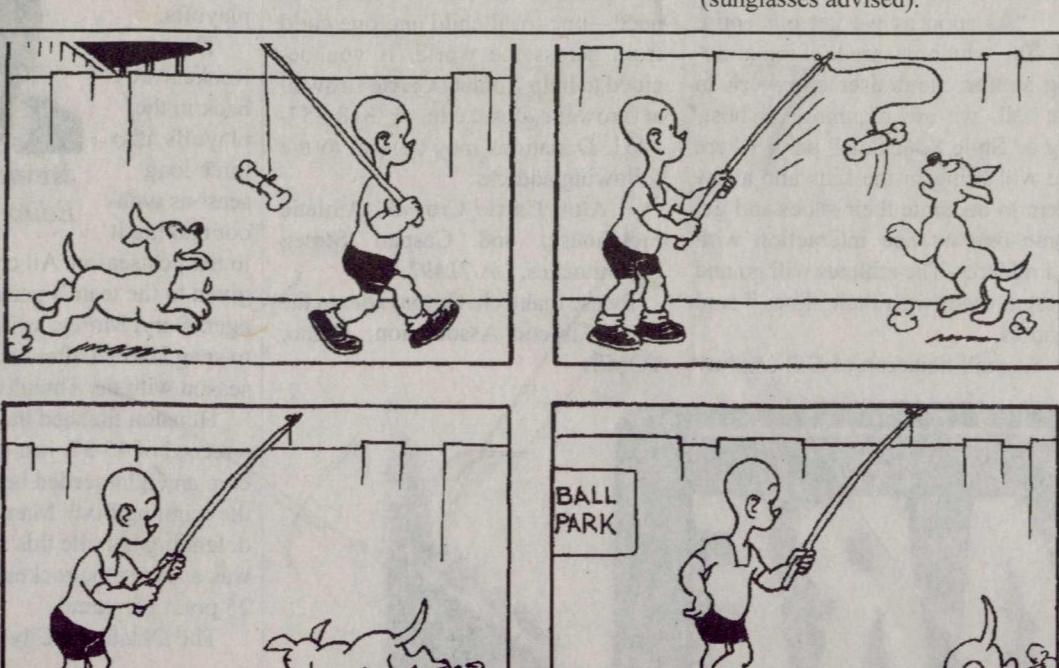
pool or beach or having a picnic are activities that are useless without that nearby star whose rays give power to solar panels.

The moral of the story is simple: go outside. You shouldn't brave the possibly of scorching outdoors if you're dehydrated or allergic to grass and plants.

Yet, if your mind is becoming numb from a Netflix binge and your bones are about to break from a lack of Vitamin D, then you might need sunshine.

If the sun is too much to handle after a little while, then you'll always have the comforts of A/C and cherry popsicles to go back to (unless Natchitoches decides to lose power). Also, a bad mosquito day is also a very good reason to stay indoors no matter how good the weather may be.

Despite its setbacks, sunshine is a wonderful commodity that can be utilized for one's own personal well being and create a magnificent outdoor aesthetic (dare I say gardening). Take a step outside, smell the flowers and look up (sunglasses advised).



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Cassandra Barefield is met with her Lady Demon teammates after rounding the bases following a homerun against Houston Baptist.

## Softball earns SLC Tournament berth

Lady Demons gets its sixth series win with victories over Houston Baptist

**Brittany Russ**  
Sauce Reporter

After defeating Houston Baptist 6-1 Sunday afternoon, the Northwestern State softball team clinched a Southland Conference Tournament berth, giving the Lady Demons the opportunity to play in front of local fans as they host the tournament at the Lady Demon Diamond May 9-11.

The tournament will feature the top six teams in the conference at the end of the regular season with the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds receiving a bye into the second round.

The Lady Demons (34-10 overall, 15-5 SLC) currently sit second in the league, just one-and-a-half games behind first place McNeese State (35-11 overall, 16-3 SLC).

NSU has picked up wins in 10 of its last 12 games, including two conference sweeps in a row over

Stephen F. Austin and Houston Baptist, respectively.

Freshman Natalie Landry kept the momentum going as she sent a two-run shot over the center field wall to put HBU at a distance in the bottom of the fourth. The homer marked her sixth of the season.

The Huskies broke the game open early in the first with a homer by SLC RBI leader Kirsten Schwirtlich, only to have NSU answer back.

Rodriguez picked up her 16<sup>th</sup> double of the season with a shot to right center and was driven in by Barefield.

With the double, Rodriguez ties Margaret Patterson and Misty Carraways NSU individual season records set in 2006 and 1994, respectively.

Roos struck out five of 26 batters faced and allowed seven hits on the day. Rodriguez led from the plate, going two-for-three and picking up one RBI, followed by Landry and Barefield posting one-for-three stints

and two RBI each.

"It feels really good for our kids to come out here and play a competitive team like Houston Baptist," said head coach Donald Pickett. "We had a lot of momentum today, which is big in this sport, so using that to our full potential has won us some big games this season."

With just two weeks left in the regular season, the Lady Demons are set to travel to Southeastern Louisiana and host Sam Houston State, while the Cowgirls will hit the road to visit the Bearcats and Nicholls State.

The three-game series with the Lady Lions begins on Saturday at 3:00 p.m., followed by a break in the conference schedule as they travel to No. 9 LSU on April 30 for a single game beginning at 6:00 p.m.

NSU hosts Sam Houston State for the final series of the season beginning on May 4 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lady Demon Diamond.

## Athletes raise money to buy shoes for children in need

**Andrea Nedorostova**  
Staff Reporter

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee has done one of its biggest fundraisers of the year—Toms Week of Service. The purpose is to raise enough money to be able to put shoes on each child from Natchitoches Boys & Girls Club and other children that are in need around the world.

All this can be done thanks to the partnership between the Southland Conference and TOMS shoes. Putting shoes on children in need was an idea of an American traveler Blake Mycoskie who met children in a village in Argentina that had no shoes to protect their feet.

He created TOMS company and every pair of shoes that is purchased guarantees another new pair of shoes for a child in need, which is known as "One for One."

The goal of SAAC is to raise \$1,400. Half of this amount was raised last week thanks to the dedication of athletes who were proactive each day of last week.

"On Monday we did a Campus Wide Clean-Up," said Assistant Ac-

ademic Coordinator for NSU athletics, Kelece Grimes.

"Each team was designated specific buildings on campus and they went out and spent about an hour in that building talking with the faculty and asking what they needed cleaned or done for them. Tuesday was Chunk Your Change, so they stood out on the corner of the Student Union and collected money from passersby from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. that day."

Wednesday was Powerade Pong. We held that in Prather Coliseum. That was for intramural points and we had over 100 teams participating in it.

Thursday was a Community Involvement, and we had the student-athletes going out to local businesses and asking them for donations," said Grimes.

When enough money is raised, SAAC plans to put on an event called "Style Your Sole," which will enable NSU student-athletes to meet children from Natchitoches for whom the money is being raised.

At this one-night event children will have an opportunity to meet athletes and decorate their new shoes



The Student-Athletic Advisory Committee initiated the Toms Week of Service to raise enough money to put shoes on the feet of kids from the Natchitoches Boys and Girls Club.

with their help.

"As soon as we get our entire \$1,400, which we are looking at doing another fundraiser one week in the fall, we are planning on hosting a "Style Your Sole" party where we will bring in the kids and allow them to decorate their shoes and get some one on one interaction with our athletes. The athletes will go and present them with their shoes," said Grimes.

A small donation of \$22 can buy

two pairs of shoes for children in need—one local child and one child from across the world. If you decided to help, contact Carrie Crowell at crowell@nsul.edu or 318-357-4451. Donations may be sent to the following address:

Attn: Carrie Crowell, Athletic Fieldhouse, 468 Caspari Street, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

Please make checks payable to the NSU Athletic Association, memo: TOMS.

## NBA divisional rivals meet in first round

Atlantic division rivals the New York Knicks and Boston Celtics meet in the first round of the Eastern Conference Playoffs.

The second-seeded Knicks stayed consistently good this season including a 13-game win streak over March and April. New York finished 54-28 on the season.

**Chris Degeyer**  
Staff Reporter

The seventh-seeded Celtics fought through an early season slump, a late season slump, and the loss of star point guard Rajon Rondo to a season-ending ACL tear to finish 41-40 in the regular season.

On paper, this round is an easy four or five games for the Knicks. Boston is a team of old, worn out players having a relatively low year and missing assist and triple-double leader Rajon Rondo. The Knicks would easily be the hottest team in the East right now if not for the record-shattering star-studded season of LeBron James and the Miami Heat.

While the Knicks are officially the second oldest team in the league, many of their players do not play to their age like the Celtics do. While anyone can tell Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce are slowly getting slower, more tired and more injury-prone, the Knicks keep kicking and keep looking like a young, fast-paced offensive team. Star forward Carmelo Anthony won the regular season scoring title this year and the Knicks rank 11<sup>th</sup> in points per game and seventh in points allowed per game. New York won the regular season series 3-1.

However, history is on the Cel-



## Dynomite: Old friends meet in NBA playoffs

What's a more compelling storyline than having an old teammate meet you in the playoffs? For Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook, that is exactly the case as their team is pitted against James Harden and his Houston Rockets for a first-round Western Conference series.

In the NBA playoffs.

The Rockets are back in the playoffs after three long seasons without making it to the postseason. All credit can be given to the team's general manager, Daryl Morey, as he was able to snag Harden after his remarkable season with the Thunder.

Houston finished the season with a record of 45-37, just enough to earn an eight-seeded berth. Harden, the reigning Sixth Man, won't be defending his title this season as he was a starter the rockets, averaging 25 point per game.

The Oklahoma City Thunder

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